

Land Management & Acquisition Committee Minutes

15 Aug 2017

Present: Ed Braley, Dave Gagnon, Bob Shafto, Ted Asherman, Nathan Poore, Lucky D'Ascanio, Audrey Farber, Amanda Stearns, Michael Vance, Caleb Hemphill Fred Masciangelo.

Item #1: June Minutes

Dave moved and Ed seconded a motion to approve the June minutes. Unanimously approved.

Item #2: Autumn Way

We have become aware that Autumn Way is not a public way. Bob will work with the abutting property owners to seek a trail license or easement. In the interim, we will put printing of the town paper trail map on hold.

Item #3: Chase Development Recommendations

The committee agreed with a set of recommendations about how the open space and trails in D. Chase's Route 100 subdivision ought to be configured. Additional focus on the need for invasive remediation and public access to the trails was emphasized. Bob & Ted will meet with D. Chase to present the recommendations. On a motion by Fred and a second by Dave, the recommendations were approved on a 5-0 vote.

Item #4: Why Are We Doing This Work?

Committee members generated a list of benefits open space offers our community and its residents. The list will become part of a Land for Maine's Future grant Bob is writing.

- Public health & wellness;
- Viewsheds (rural character);
- Wildlife habitat;
- Water quality;
- Recreation;
- Tax relief;
- Increased property values;
- Air quality;
- Conservation;
- Education;
- Connections to nature;
- Sustenance;
- Serenity;
- Dog walking;
- Connectivity;

- Traditional recreation – hunting, snowmobiling, etc.
- Community building, community pride; and
- Alternate transportation (trails).

Item #5: Updates

- The McLean property should close in September.
- North Falmouth forestry work should begin by the end of this month.
- Pet signs have been made and will be put up soon regarding the 300 ft. leash ordinance. A letter also went to all dog owners.
- The McDermott/Suckfish Brook restoration work has been delayed due to the drought (no time to plant wetland plants).
- We will submit a LMF grant for the Vandermast property, but not a mitigation grant. A mitigation grant will be submitted for the W. Branch restoration work.

Meeting adjourned at 10:0 a.m.

Next meeting date: September 12th