



LMAC (Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

Members Present: Ted Asherman, David Gagnon; and Chris Kittredge
Liaisons Present: Michael Vance
Staff Present : Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager
Councilors Present: Caleb Hemphill

Meeting Notes - Tuesday, May 8, 2018

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Ted at 8:35 am.
2. Approval of Minutes – With a motion by Dave and a second by Chris, the minutes of April 17, 2018 were approved unanimously as written.
3. Trail Closure/Improvement Discussion – The process for trail closure was discussed. Amanda reported that the Friends of Falmouth Trail work day at BHCF was a huge success, with trees removed, trails raked and bridges resituated. One small piece of the River Trail was relocated as the erosion of the river is moving westward. Michael mentioned that FLT had also conducted a work day at BHP involving the scouts. The parking lot was improved and fill was donated by the Town. The access off Twin Ponds Roads was discussed and Lucky noted that the Town was deeded the 40-foot strip that connects the road ROW to Community Park. FLT owns the open space within the subdivision.
4. Prioritization of Forest Management Plans – Paul Larrivee, Town Forester asked the committee at the April meeting if the committee had any interest in reviewing the current property management plans and advising on how forestry activities could be prioritized. Lucky and Ted suggested that we would need to look at all the property management plans together and in addition, make sure that they are up to date. This is a project that is not on our to do list for this year but it was suggested that it would make a good winter project. Amanda will connect with Paul to talk about more details.
5. Executive Session (1 M.R.S. 405 6.C) – With a motion by Chris Kittredge and a second by Dave Gagnon, the committee voted to go in to executive session to discuss a property being offered to the Town for purchase. With a motion by Chris and a second by Dave the committee came out of executive session. No decisions were made. The committee scheduled a site visit for May 15 at 3:30 pm.
6. Open Space Manager Report – Amanda updated the committee on various topics including the possible bridge donation which is now going to Portland. Other items discussed is the need to review and update the webpages, addition of a Facebook page called Falmouth ME Open Space, a parks and public lands tour May 29 at 3:30, World Migratory Day Saturday, May 12 from 8:00-12 noon. Amanda will be there from 10:00 – 12:00. May 5 the Friends of Falmouth Trails (Chris Carleton and Erik Mushial) will be leading a work day at Blackstrap Hill Community Forest and the FLT will be having a work day as well at Blackstrap Hill Preserve. The Conservation Corps was discussed and Lucky reminded the committee that Jeff Mason and Les Libby are available for assistance.
7. Adjourn – With a motion by Dave and a second by Chris, the meeting was adjourned.