

## LMAC

(Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

Members: John Adelman, Chair; Fred Farber (absent); David Gagnon; Chris Kittredge

and Casey Webster (absent)

<u>Ex-officio:</u> Jennifer Grimm, FLT Executive Director (absent)

Liaisons: Michael Vance, FLT President (absent) and Karen Jacobsen, Conservation

Commission

Council Liaison: Ted Asherman, Town Council

Staff: Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager and Lucky D'Ascanio, Parks and

Community Programs Director

# Approved Meeting Notes

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

1. Call to Order – John called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. **Approval of Minutes** – With a motion by Dave and a second by Chris the minutes of May 14, 2019 were approved unanimously.

### 3. Open Space Plan Implementation Strategy continued

The committee reviewed the draft memo to the Council and made the following changes:

- Add role of LPAC+ to opening paragraph
- Clarify the GIS project and its priority
- Agreed to amend the strategy to move rating guide up ahead of property management plans.
- Refer to general IT GIS requests and role of other departments
- Adjust FY21 budget request to \$10,000.
- Address new communication policy of the town as it relates to the development of a communication and outreach strategy for open space.

It was also agreed to request a meeting with the Council in July prior to the council retreat.

#### 4. Trail Management Plan Outline continued

Amanda explained that she had met with Lucky, Caleb and Ted to discuss the history of the relationship between the town and the Trust as it related to trails, trails maintenance and trail development. She also noted that she sent the draft to the Trust representatives because she is recommending that the trails on Trust land that are part of the Cross Falmouth Corridor and those that are connected to the town's system be included in some way in the plan. John suggested that he liked that idea but needed to discuss with the Trust reps and would get back in

touch with LMAC. Amanda explained that as LMAC developed trail policy, the Trust would have an opportunity to review and either accept it or develop their own policy which could then be referenced in this plan or be included. It would best if both parties had agreement on policy.

The discussion concluded that the trail management plan is a nuts and bolts piece of the cooperative relationship between the Trust and town. A separate issue is the need for distinction between the two entities, and the plan could serve to point that out but cannot resolve it. Other opportunities will be in the Communications and Outreach Strategy as well as work by the Trust.

It was noted that many materials were developed that do not distinguish between the town and the Trust and it was done purposefully. As we move forward with development of materials such as maps this should be addressed.

Amanda reviewed the modifications she has made to the outline since the last meeting. Areas where the outline is to be modified:

- Relationship to Other Plans add the yet to be developed Communications and Outreach Strategy Plan.
- Process remove Council adoption as this plan will not require adoption.
- Associations with Others make e. generic to include all other trusts and organizations
- Existing Trails and Structures, Key Issues and Challenges add Trail accessibility
- Wayfinding and Map Resources change title to Communication and Outreach.

## 5. Open Space Manager's Report

Amanda reported on the progress of several continued efforts to secure certain trail segments as well as other ongoing work.

With a motion by Chris and a second by John, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session per 1 M.R.S. 405 6.C to discuss land acquisition. With a motion by John and a second by Chris the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session. No decisions were made.

#### 6. Other business

Dave brought up the possibility of improving the on-street parking at the Winn Road trailheads to Hadlock and Town Forest, hoping to capitalize on the fill that Summit Gas is creating while laying lines. Lucky noted that while it is a great idea the process of working with a subcontractor, checking for permits, etc. is not quick. Staff will look into trimming on the west side to make the existing shoulder parking more accessible.

7. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15am.