



LMAC (Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

<u>Members:</u>	John Adelman, Chair; Fred Farber; David Gagnon; Chris Kittredge and Casey Webster (absent)
<u>Ex-officio:</u>	Jennifer Grimm, FLT Executive Director
<u>Liaisons:</u>	Michael Vance, FLT President; and Karen Jacobsen, Conservation Commission
<u>Council Liaison:</u>	Caleb Hemphill, Town Council (absent)
<u>Staff:</u>	Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager and Lucky D'Ascanio, Parks and Community Programs Director (absent)

Meeting Notes July 9, 2019

1. **Call to Order** – John called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –With a motion by Chris and a second by Dave the minutes of June 11, 2019 were approved, with Chris, Dave and John voting in the affirmative and Fred abstaining.
3. **Council Meeting – July 22, 2019** – Amanda reviewed the purpose of the meeting with the Council and urged members to attend. John indicated he would address the Council with Amanda speaking to the details. A one-page slide will be prepared to summarize what the purpose of the meeting is.
4. **Trail Management Plan Outline continued**

Guiding Policies - Amanda reviewed the process for developing the plan, focusing on the generation of some guiding policies. She pointed out that the draft was developed using language from the Comprehensive and Open Space Plans. In general, the committee agreed with the policies but wanted them prioritized. With great deliberation the committee decided to place them in the following order:

- a. *Provide connectivity within the town to existing and future conservation recreation areas, residential neighborhoods and service centers.*
- b. *Be respectful of the conservation and preservation goals of individual properties and conservation areas.*
- c. *Maintain, improve and expand a trail network that is physically sustainable.*
- d. *Provide a high-quality experience for all user groups.*
- e. *Coordinate efforts with other trail providers and managers in town.*
- f. *Be part of and maintain a regional trail network.*

Trust-Town relationship - The relationship between the Trust and the town and including some Trust trails in the plan was discussed. The Trust board has not discussed this topic but for now it was agreed to leave the trails in the plan. It was recognized by all present, including Trust representatives, that any inclusion of Trust trails in the plan will be done in a manner that reflects the Trust's individual or differing policies regarding those trails. It was also agreed that the Cross Falmouth Corridor would be a separate segment of the plan, recognizing that it is a unique part of the trail system, on lands both owned by the town and the Trust.

Relationship with Other Plans – Associations with Other Organizations – This will be combined in paragraph form with the Process paragraph.

Jenny offered to draft a statement explaining the position of the Trust as a partner with the town.

5. **Open Space Manager's Report** – none.

6. **Other business**

The committee discussed the work plan and the need to balance the everyday maintenance with the administrative portion of the work. It was recognized that having the committee meet every month places a great deal of work on staff and that time could be better spent on field work and preparation of plans in motion.

Chris Kittredge offered to spend some time working on a draft of a new rating guide which is now the second priority for this year.

The committee discussed the coming meetings and decided to have the next regular meeting in September. August will be a voluntary field work meeting to be noticed once the details come together. It will be held at the same time to take advantage of the cool mornings.

Dave and John will not be here next month.

7. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 am.