



LMAC (Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

<u>Members:</u>	John Adelman, Chair (by phone); Fred Farber; David Gagnon; and Chris Kittredge
<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
<u>Council Guest:</u>	Ted Asherman
<u>Staff:</u>	Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager, Sami Wolf, Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator and Lucky D'Ascanio, Parks and Community Programs Director

Approved Meeting Notes Tuesday, February 11, 2020

1. **Call to Order** – John called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 (NOTE: John attended the meeting by phone. John did not vote on any items.)
2. **Elect Vice Chair** – John discussed the need for a Vice Chair for situations where he is not available. Fred moved to create the office of Vice Chair. With a second by Chris the motion was approved. With a motion by Fred and a second by Dave, Chris was nominated for Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. With a motion by Fred and a second by Dave, Chris Kittredge was elected Vice Chair.
3. **Property Evaluation Process Statement** – Amanda explained that the draft process statement was recommended by the Town Attorney. This statement will explain the use of executive session by the committee and the role of site walks. With a motion by Chris and a second by Fred, the statement as drafted was approved with the addition of citing the statute in the title and amend the statement to reflect only the use of executive session.
4. **Property Rating Guides Update** – Sami presented the draft guide and the changes made due to the incorporation of the goals from the Open Space Plan. The update of the guide is a key recommendation from the plan and LMAC prioritized it for completion this year. The committee has a robust discussion and ultimately concluded that the draft would be amended to reflect Dave's suggestion of adjusting the guide to have a total of 100 points. The committee reviewed the relative scoring of each item and made some modifications. Some duplications were noted and those will be removed. Sami will make amendments as discussed and the committee agreed to use both the current guide as well as the new draft with the scoring coming up for several properties. It is the goal of the committee to vote on the new version at the March meeting.
5. **Executive Session** (1 MRS §405 6.C) – John recused himself from the executive session. With a motion by Fred and a second by Dave the committee voted to enter into executive session. With a motion by Fred and a second by Chris the committee voted to come out of executive session. No decisions were made.

6. **Staff Report**

- a. Schedule site walk for FLT – The committee scheduled a site walk for Underwood Springs Forest for Tuesday, February 18 at 1:00.
- b. Earth Day 2020 – Sami reported on the Open Space activities being planned for this event. They include:

Trail Trimming at Suckfish I on April 9th, 10 - 12:30, to highlight a beautiful and understated property. Will need sheers, loppers.

Suzanne Greenlaw, Ph. D will be speaking at Gilsland Farm on the Past, Present, and Future of Ash Trees.

April Stools Day on April 18th from 10 -12:30 at FNP and possibly Community Park if we have a high number of RSVPs. Will be getting in touch with dog businesses regarding promotion and sponsorship.

Paul Larrivee is speaking on Falmouth Forestry practices on May 18th, 6 - 7 pm (location tbd)

- c. Hardy Road Conservation Area – The scout interested in this project has decided that the project is too complex. Amanda has reached out to him to suggest an alternative project, the trail connection identified in NFCF from the new Orange Trail to the Hemlock Trail. Caleb has volunteered to be a mentor for Joey for this project.
- d. McDermott Donation – This is in the works.

- 7. **Other business** – Sami and Fred will schedule a day to work on the blazing at NFCF.
- 8. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.