



LMAC (Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

Members Present: John Adelman, Chair; Fred Farber; David Gagnon; and Chris Kittredge
Members Absent: Casey Webster
Ex-officio Present: Jennifer Grimm, FLT Executive Director
Liaisons Present: Michael Vance, FLT President; and Karen Jacobsen, Conservation Commission
Council Liaison Present: Caleb Hemphill
Council Guest: Ted Asherman
Staff Present: Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager, Sami Wolf, Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator and Lucky D'Ascanio, Parks and Community Programs Director

Approved Meeting Notes Tuesday, March 11, 2020

1. **Call to Order** – John called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30. John announced he needed to leave the meeting early for a medical appointment.
2. **Approval of Minutes** - January 14 and 23, February 11, 2020 – The January 14 minutes were approved with a motion by Fred, second by Dave and a unanimous vote. The January 23 minutes were approved with a motion by Chris, second by Fred and a unanimous vote. The February 11 minutes were approved with a motion by Fred, a second by Chris and a unanimous vote.
3. **Property Evaluation Process Statement** – Amanda stated that the statement created to inform the public of the committee's process for executive session was edited to reflect the comments from the last meeting. It was acknowledged by a consensus of the committee that the final version should be published.
4. **Property Rating Guides Update** – With a motion by Fred and a second by Chris, the rating guide was approved as submitted in the packet. Vote was 3-1 with Dave abstaining. He stated that he will support the approved version. The new guide will be published on the website and circulated to the committee.
5. **Hincks Property** - A note was made to check the habitat undeveloped blocks data regarding the Hincks property area. (Chris Kittredge sent out a larger scale map after the meeting showing how the undeveloped block overlays the parcel continued into Cumberland.) There were no corrections made to the evaluation sheets for the Hincks property.

NOTE: John left the meeting at this time.

6. **Executive Session** (1 MRS §405 6.C) – With a motion by Dave and a second by Chris, the committee voted unanimously to go into executive session. With a motion by Fred and a second by Dave the committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session.

With a motion by Fred and a second by Dave, the committee voted unanimously to release the ratings for the Van Loenen and Underwood Springs properties.

7. Staff Report

- a. Annual Report – Amanda reported that the annual reports are due to the Council and that the draft in the packet is being submitted unless there are any changes. No changes were made.
 - b. Acquisitions Summary – Amanda noted that the post 2007 acquisitions summary prepared by Pete McHugh, Finance Director and Bob Shafto in 2016 which was in the packet has been updated as requested by the Council. There may be some minor adjustments. Any updates will be shared with the committee.
 - c. Earth Day 50: April 22 – May 22, 2020 – Sami reported that there is a committee meeting tomorrow, March 11 to continue planning. No new open space activities have been added but arrangements are being finalized.
 - d. Scout Projects – Amanda reported that Joey Lavallee, scout who requested the Hardy Road Conservation Area project is now working with Caleb on the NFCF connector identified last fall and adopted by the committee as part of the work plan. It will connect the new “orange” trail with the Hemlock Trail to avoid users having to use the woods road. It will originate at the NE corner of the McLean field and end just west of the Oxford Woods access point.
 - e. McDermott Purchase – Amanda reported that once the legal work is complete a closing will be scheduled.
 - f. Maine Land Conservation Conference – April 24-25, 2020 - Amanda asked that anyone who is interested in attending the conference let Lucky know. [NOTE: This conference has been canceled.] <https://www.mltn.org/conference-2020/>
 - g. Chainsaw Training – Sami is continuing to work on this. Any committee member interested be in touch with Sami.
 - h. Field Days – We are continuing to work with key volunteers to set up upcoming field days. [NOTE: Now that trails are closed and social distancing protocols are in place, this will be delayed indefinitely.]
8. **Other business** – Dave asked about tree stands on the Bordick property. It was clarified that no permits are needed, as long as the stand has contact information and is temporary, they are permitted on lands that allow hunting.
9. **Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 am.

All future meetings have been canceled.