



## LMAC (Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

**Members Present:** John Adelman, Chair; Fred Farber; David Gagnon; and Chris Kittredge  
**Ex-officio Present:** Jennifer Grimm, FLT Executive Director  
**Liaisons Present:** Michael Vance, FLT President, Karen Jacobsen, Conservation Commission  
**Council Liaison Present:** Ted Asherman  
**Volunteer Guest:** Caleb Hemphill  
**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, August 11, 2020 – Via Zoom

1. **Call to Order** – John called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00am.
2. **Approval of Minutes** — The July 14, 2020 minutes were approved by a unanimous vote with a motion by Chris and a second by Dave.
3. **Property Management Plan Template** – Amanda presented the concept of using the Open Space Plan as a basis for adding certain elements to the individual property management plans. There are a number of strategies that can be addressed in a plan. The committee is in general agreement with the concept and will wait for a full template before formal adoption. Amanda will use the Pine Grove Management Plan since it is being edited.
4. **Edits to 2017 Pine Grove Management Plan** – The committee reviewed the draft notes of the site visit and concluded the following:
  - a) The deed restrictions are very vague. The property should generally be managed as a pine grove where practical. Safety of visitors and environmental practicality should be taken into consideration in determining the management of the forest. Amanda suggested that an evaluation of the stand by our forester might provide us with insight on the possibilities. Jenny weighed in that there is not good understory to provide opportunity for young white pine to flourish.
  - b) Fred will GPS all new trails not shown on the existing map and once we have that data mapped the committee will review and make a final decision on what trails will be abandoned and which will be maintained.
  - c) The plan will include improving trails where practical for enhanced mobility. Sami reported that the school has agreed to the ADA parking space in their parking lot, the striping will be accomplished in August and she is working on an MOU with the school.
  - d) Neighborhood access trails should be maintained. The preserve serves as an easy-to-access walking and nature area for the greater neighborhood and that should be encouraged and supported.

Amanda will continue work on the new template and update for the management plan and present at the next meeting.

5. **Trail Closure Policy** – Sami presented the development of a policy that will ultimately be an appendix to the Trail Management Plan. It is based on a meeting notes from 2017 of several committee members, staff and volunteers. The committee reviewed the plan and agreed in general with the draft with the following changes:
  - a) The Coordination section will be broadened to address the Trust, Park staff and stewards separately.
  - b) Under Seasonal Closures, the language regarding how trails will be physically closed will be amended to reflect the same language under opening trails. Under next steps, the notion of adding hardening of specific trails due to chronic wet conditions, high use and erosive soils will be added.Amanda will update the current draft for the next meeting.
6. **Other business** – After some discussion, the next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15 at 9:00 am via Zoom. The committee expressed an interest in a field day. Amanda will follow up with possible dates in September or October.
7. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 am.