



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee + (LPAC+)

Thursday, August 24, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sam Rudman <i>Chair</i>	-	Ted Asherman <i>LMAC</i>	✓	Michael Vance <i>Falmouth Land Trust</i>	✓
Sandra Lipsey <i>Vice Chair</i>	✓	Paul Bergkamp	✓	Jenny Grimm <i>Falmouth Land Trust</i>	-
Caleb Hemphill <i>Council Chair</i>	-	Sarah Boudreau <i>Conservation Commission</i>	✓	Bob Shafto <i>Open Space Ombudsman</i>	✓
Claudia King <i>Council Liaison to LPAC</i>	-	Becca Casey	-	Theo Holtwijk <i>Staff</i>	✓
Aaron Svedlow <i>Council Liaison to LMAC</i>	-	Dave Gagnon <i>LMAC</i>	-	Lucky D'Ascanio <i>Staff</i>	-
Tom McKeon <i>Planning Board</i>	-	Breana Gersen	✓	Andrew Clark <i>Staff</i>	✓
Kurt Klebe	-				

The meeting began at 6:00 PM.

1. Review of draft minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting

The draft minutes of the August 10 meeting were tabled as there was no quorum.

2. Open Space Plan discussion

Several committee members had worked on parts of the plan fundamentals document since the last meeting. Breana shared a proposed revision of the plan's vision, to which the group was generally receptive. The group offered feedback and alternate wordings. Breana will clean up the language for the next meeting. There was much discussion around the purpose of a vision, with most members agreeing that it should work to paint a picture of the future, inspire readers, and inform the plan's goals and action steps, and not restate the goals.

Michael and Sandra had each worked on honing the plan's goals. Sandra explained that she worded the goals such that they were succinct and memorable. Theo recalled Michael's "natural progression" approach of each of the goals from a previous meeting. The goals speak to the *protection and acquisition* of open space, the use (and, in some cases, the *non-use*) of open space, the *distribution* of open space throughout Falmouth, the *management* of open space, and the *education* of the public to the values of open space. The committee offered some comments. Theo will take the committee's feedback and revise the goals for the next meeting.

Theo provided an update on the education front. Sandra, Jenny, and he had met with the Superintendent and others about the possibility of collaboration during the open space planning process and ideas that could be included in the plan. He said they liked the opportunity for dialogue and education, as it fit with the school's goals of student wellness and community connections, as well as its experience-based learning programs. Sandra said that the meeting was very positive, and that she expected the students would be engaged and motivated. The possibility of student representatives to the committee was discussed. The committee was receptive to the idea as long as the students could be actively involved and stay committed. Soliciting student input through the survey was discussed. The school representatives will provide feedback on the survey. The committee will keep the student perspective in mind when finalizing the survey.

Theo presented draft survey questions that Becca, Paul, and he had worked on. Ted suggested adding a question that would get at what people value in open space. The committee felt that was a good idea. Ted will provide some language for that. There were other suggestions regarding the wording and options of other questions. Theo will incorporate them into the next draft. Ted asked how the survey will be disseminated. Theo said that e-mail lists, the Forecaster, the website, and News and Notices have been used in the past. Other people may have lists of their own and would be encouraged to use them to help spread the word. Theo reminded the committee that this would not be a statistically-valid survey. He said that the survey could be ready to send out soon after the committee's partners at the school department had a chance to comment.

Sandra asked what the next steps in the planning process were. Theo said the next steps were finalizing the vision and goals of the plan and sending out the survey. He will also begin drafting parts of the plan, which will include an explanatory narrative of the goals.

3. Other Business

Bob said that there will be a public event regarding open space management on September 16 from 9 am to noon. The group will tour North Falmouth Community Forest and the Suckfish Brook Conservation Area and discuss invasive species control and wetland restoration. He encouraged LPAC members to sign up for that as space was limited.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Andrew Clark, July 31, 2017.