



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee + (LPAC+)

Thursday, October 12, 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 6:05 PM.

1. Review of draft minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting

The draft minutes of the September 28 meeting were tabled as there was no quorum.

2. Open Space Plan discussion

Theo reported that the survey had received over 200 responses so far. The Falmouth Land Trust and Parks and Community Programs still have mailing lists to push the survey out to. An upcoming article in the Forecaster should draw some interest. He encouraged the committee members to continue sharing the survey with friends and colleagues.

Theo met with the service learning program staff at the High School. They discussed encouraging students to respond to the survey, offering two or three students to sit in on LPAC's open space planning effort, and providing feedback on, and input in, the education-focused goal and action items.

The group discussed the current update to the Open Space Plan draft. Each goal is now a stand-alone chapter with narratives describing why the goal is important, what issues are associated with it, and recommended strategies and action items. These chapters will be preceded by introductory chapters describing the background of open space planning in Falmouth and the vision for the new plan.

Tom suggested stating up front that, based on what has been accomplished over the years, that this plan recommends "staying the course." Sam hoped the plan would go further and address what open space preservation would look like in a more heavily-developed Falmouth. Dave stressed the importance of legal protection for remaining open space in the face of development pressure. Bob pointed out that even municipally-owned land is not necessarily strongly protected. He mentioned that Cumberland will be developing its town forest for housing in an effort to attract young families to the town.

Tom, referring to the new Parks & Public Lands map, wondered how much of the map should ultimately be colored green, i.e. protected land. Bob said that he has identified around twenty properties that would be important to acquire, based on various priorities and LMAC strategies. He mentioned that in 2006 the open space plan estimated that 40% of the Town land area as protected might be an appropriate goal. Theo speculated that according to the mapping that has been done so far, 15% may be protected thus far, with perhaps an additional 10% unbuildable. Adding over time another 15% of protected land could reach the 40% goal. Sam hoped that there were some studies and data that would support the 40% goal.

For next steps, Andrew will produce a map showing buildable vs. non-buildable land, and percentages thereof. The survey will be open until November 5, after which results will be compiled and shared. The committee was invited to start thinking about specific recommendations and action items that can be tied into each of the goals.

3. Next Meeting

The November meetings were rescheduled for the 16th and 30th, so as to avoid a conflict with Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Andrew Clark, October 17, 2017