



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee + (LPAC+)

Thursday, April 12, 2018
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>	✓	Amanda Stearns <i>Open Space Manager</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>	-
Rich Jordan <i>Planning Board</i>	-	Breana Gersen	✓	Andrew Clark <i>Staff</i>	✓

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

1. Review of draft minutes of the February 8 and February 22, 2018 meetings

The draft minutes of the February 8 and February 22 meetings were tabled as there was no quorum.

2. Open Space Plan discussion

Theo provided an updated draft of the Open Space Plan, which incorporated the feedback he received from committee members. Some comments were left unaddressed, with the intention that the committee would discuss and resolve them. Theo hoped that with sufficient guidance from the committee on the remaining language, a final draft of the plan could be made ready for public review and comment.

Sarah suggested that the introduction (pg. 2) include more enthusiastic language to help promote the work of the committee and the importance of open space preservation. The committee agreed, though Sandra added that the plan should avoid being overly congratulatory as there is more work to be done to avoid losing existing open spaces. Michael wondered whether the final tone of the plan should advocate for open space or be a more neutral analysis of options. Theo noted that the committee's charge was included as an appendix. The committee reviewed the charge. Sam pointed out that the committee's charge was specifically to follow the direction set by the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, which does identify growth and rural areas.

A comment from Paul addressed including a roll-out strategy for the plan (pg. 3). Theo recommended not including a roll-out strategy, adding that the Town Council tends to address specific implementation phasing and assignments through its annual work plans.

The committee recommended adjusting the Definition and Scope section (pg. 4) to make clearer the distinction between what is and is not addressed in the plan. The term "ecological systems" will be redefined.

The committee agreed to remove the detail addressing LMAC's rating guide (pg. 8).

The committee agreed to remove the reference to connectivity as "perhaps the most impressive accomplishment to date" (pg. 9).

In the Open Space Survey section, the committee agreed to provide a few examples of feedback and suggestions from the results (pg. 13), to be included as text boxes throughout the plan. Theo asked the committee members to identify a few good points of feedback for inclusion and send him those comments.

The committee agreed to incorporate Nathan's comment regarding Goal 4 (pg. 14).

Under Goal 1, the committee agreed to expand upon references to climate change (pg. 15), and to include references to relevant local data and studies.

The group discussed Action 1-2, regarding GIS and its use in open space preservation. Breanna suggested acknowledging GIS as a conservation tool in Action 1-3, and reserving specific recommendation of its use for Goal 5. The committee agreed with that as well as that this action should be more specific as what is hoped to be accomplished.

There was extensive discussion of Action 1-6. Amanda and Theo agreed that the existing language was broad, and would be difficult to implement. Breanna suggested that the actions within Goal 1 could be more general in nature, reflecting the breadth of the goal, while actions within subsequent goals could be more specific. Amanda will discuss this issue with Ethan to see if there are specific suggested items that can be added to this action by way of example.

There was further discussion about the structure of the plan. The committee agreed to leave the structure as is. With the hour getting late, the committee agreed to table discussion of the remainder of the draft plan until the next meeting. In the meantime, Theo will make the requested revisions to the first portion of the plan.

3. Next meeting

The next LPAC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Draft minutes prepared by Andrew Clark, April 18, 2018.