



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee + (LPAC+)

Thursday, April 26, 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, February 22, and April 12, 2018 meetings

The draft minutes of the February 8, February 22, and April 12 meetings were approved as written.

2. Open Space Plan discussion

The committee resumed its discussion and revision of the draft Open Space Plan from its previous meeting.

The committee agreed to add reference to working lands within Goal 2 as a use of open space. Paul suggested adding language that makes the case for the economic benefits of preserving open space, particularly in reference to the notion that preserving open space removes taxable value from municipal tax rolls. Amanda suggested referencing a recent piece by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust. Dave suggested adding the piece as an appendix; Theo recommended allowing the committee to familiarize themselves with it first before adding another appendix. The MCHT piece will be distributed before the next meeting.

Amanda wondered whether the draft acknowledges sensitive habitats existing within the Growth Area. Theo believed the Comprehensive Plan did, and that some language could be pulled into this plan. There was discussion about preserving public waterfront access (Recommendation 3-4). The committee agreed reference to waterfront was primarily for human recreation value rather than ecological value. The committee agreed this recommendation was important to keep, even in light of Nathan's concern that it will be difficult to achieve. Rich added that items like this can become Town policy over time, citing the desire for a connected street network as an example.

There was discussion of Goal 4. In the past, many properties had been acquired through creativity in funding. Jenny wondered whether Nathan's comments on this goal was to prepare to pay market value for remaining key acquisitions in the rural area. The committee wondered how much that might cost. Theo stated that Nathan was imagining a possible scenario of political pressure that might result in a slowing of development in the Growth Area. Such pressure would then force development into the Rural Area. Theo felt Nathan's comments spoke to how preservation of the Rural Area the rural area could be maintained. Claudia said that that language would enhance the Town Council's commitment to open space preservation. The committee did not make any edits to this section.

There was discussion of Goal 6. Paul suggested seeking best practices for classroom engagement. Jenny said that the Land Trust's efforts are constrained due to a lack of funding. Theo noted that the plan could speak to a need for increased resources. Amanda suggested that capital resources are needed for property maintenance in addition to personnel resources. Rich suggested recommending to the Council that it pursue a stand-alone education and outreach strategy. Becca suggested Parks and Community Programs as the "glue" between the Town and the schools.

Theo will make adjustments to the draft, at which point he believed the committee may have a draft version ready for public comment. Ted asked about the public input process. Theo said that there could be a survey, a public forum, or an invitation for written comment, or all three. Reaching out to the public will help test the goals of the plan, and help tell the committee whether or not they are on the right track. The committee discussed reaching out to key stakeholders who might be seen as opinion makers in the community.

Theo asked the committee members to submit photos, illustrations, and quotes from the survey responses for inclusion in the plan. Paul volunteered to collate the group's photo submissions. At the next meeting, the group will go over photos, maps, and any final changes to the draft.

3. Next meeting

The next LPAC meeting is scheduled for May 10, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Draft minutes prepared by Andrew Clark, April 30, 2018.