



Long Range Planning Advisory Committee + (LPAC+)

Thursday, May 10, 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>	✓
Jim Chaousis	-				

The meeting began at 6:02 pm.

Sandra shared that she will be speaking before the Town Council at its Monday, May 14 meeting. She encouraged anyone interested in the ongoing discussion of growth and the policies established in the Comprehensive Plan to attend the meeting and show their support.

1. Review of draft minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting

The draft minutes of the April 26 meeting were approved as written.

2. Open Space Plan discussion

Some members of the committee sent photos for the plan to Paul. Paul included some of the highlights in a slideshow. The committee viewed the slideshow and discussed what might be missing, and agreed to try to find photos that include: families, volunteers at work, active users, structures and amenities, an information kiosk, parking facilities, etc. Ted, Jenny, and Michael will send more photos to Andrew. Staff will make final photo selections. Andrew estimated 10-12 photos might be enough for the plan.

Michael had selected a number of quotes from the open-ended survey comments. The committee discussed whether it was appropriate or beneficial to include contrasting opinions. The committee agreed that the quotes should highlight support for the plan. Staff will make final quote selections.

Andrew led the committee through six maps that have been created over the past year's work. He said that while these maps have been helpful to the committee in its planning work, and will hopefully prove helpful to future open space work by Town staff, the committee now should help determine whether the maps are appropriate to be included in the plan. He further added that many of the maps will need to be updated or revised since they were first created.

- Protected Open Space. Sandra noted that not all spaces shown are formally protected, and suggested using a different title. Ted noted that much of the detail will be lost when the map is shrunk down to fit in the body of the report. Andrew will simplify the symbology.
- Working Lands. The committee agreed not to include this map in the plan.
- Natural Resource Protection. The committee agreed to include this map, but instructed Andrew to adjust the color to make the presentation clearer.
- Public Access to Protected Open Space. The committee agreed not to include this map in the plan.
- "Unbuildable" Land in Falmouth. Andrew noted that this map was created to help address a specific question the committee had asked earlier, and recommended not including it in the plan.
- Undeveloped Habitat Blocks in Falmouth. Sandra felt this map was important to show what areas were at risk of losing habitat space. Jenny felt the map would unduly single out specific properties and their owners. Andrew will incorporate the message of the map into a table or narrative for the plan.

Theo had made some changes to the draft plan text. Andrew reviewed those changes with the committee. The committee will be ready to see a final draft plan at its next meeting. Jenny asked whether she could submit a page or two about the Land Trust's recent work as an appendix. The committee felt that would be appropriate. The committee agreed to exclude the open space database as an appendix. There was discussion on creating a resource page with additional documents, maps, and tools that did not make it into the final plan.

There was discussion about public outreach efforts. Andrew suggested a public forum as a way to gauge reaction and learn the public's opinion of the plan.

3. Next meeting

The next LPAC meeting is scheduled for May 24, 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Draft minutes prepared by Andrew Clark, May 14, 2018.