



LMAC
(Land Management and Acquisitions Committee)

Meeting Notes - July 17, 2018

Present:

Members: Casey Webster; Chris Kittredge; David Gagnon;

Members to be appointed: Fred Farber and John Adelman

Liaisons: Michael Vance, FLT President,; Caleb Hemphill, Town Council and Karen Jacobsen, Conservation Commission

Council Liaison: Ted Asherman, Town Council

Staff: Amanda Stearns, Open Space Manager and Lucky D'Ascanio, Parks and Community Programs Director

1. Call to Order – Amanda called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30.
2. Election of Chairman – After some discussion, the election of a chair was postponed until the August meeting.
3. Introduction Members – All present at the meeting introduced themselves and the “to be appointed” new members were welcomed.
4. Approval of Minutes – the minutes of May 8 and May 15, 2018, with a motion by
5. Falmouth Center Project
6. Open Space Manager’s Report
7. Other business
8. Adjourn

2018 LMAC Goals

1. High - Secure legal rights for all trails now located on private land, including licenses, easements, and outright ownership.
2. High - Trail Sustainability Policy
3. High - Assist Town Forester with application for Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year.
4. Medium High - Continue outreach efforts with landowners with properties of significant open space value. Amanda to continue keeping in touch with key landowners.
5. Medium High - Continue participation in the development of version 2.0 of *The Greening of Falmouth*;
6. Medium - Reach out to establish and/or strengthen relationships various stakeholder / user groups, including snowmobilers, hunters, trail runners, mt. bikers, etc.
7. Medium - Formalize a property stewardship program. It was agreed that this is a goal that will benefit from coordination with FLT.
8. Medium - Create a data base documenting all property trails, structures, or other improvements, including bridges, benches, kiosks, etc. This project will benefit from coordination with FLT
9. Medium Low - Be proactive in reaching out to neighboring towns and land trusts to stimulate regional conservation and trail building efforts;
10. Medium Low - Pursue outreach to the top five “jewel property” owners in hopes of securing easements on these properties;
11. Low - Develop a plan for improving the safety of the trail crossing at the East Branch crossing area on Falmouth Road; and
12. Low - Get National Historic Site designation for River Point