



Town of Barnstable Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee



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MINUTES Monday, March 8, 2021 5:30 PM

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Call to Order/Introduction of Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Members

Roll Call:

Member	Present Y/N?
Ann Canedy	Y
Farley Lewis	Y
Elissa Crowley	A
Steve Gould	Y
Liz Lewis	Y
Phyllis Miller	Y
Doug Payson	Y
Tracy Pratt	A
Anne Rowland	Y

Also present were Kris Clark – Town Council Liaison and Director Elizabeth Jenkins

A quorum has been met, Ann Canedy –Chair opens the meeting at 5:34 PM.

Chair Canedy reads the following

Notice of Recording

Please note that this meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18. In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A §20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and if so, to please make their presence known

NO RESPONSE

A presentation was given by Lev Malakoff regarding the Cape Cod Rail Trail and Cape Cod Pathways. The purpose is to encourage outdoor recreation and the use of the trails. Part of the committee's purpose is reviewing the scope of the pathways and how to link the network together to make sense. As a Board Member of the New England Bike Association Malakoff has additional insight of how the trails function for users. Cape Cod Rail Trail has a vision of 88 miles of paved trails from Woods Hole to Provincetown. Another vision for the future and proposed idea would be the Cape Cod Way, a walking route from Woods Hole to Provincetown. If you are in Barnstable using the Main Red trail which is marked with a triangular sign, this would be part of the linked route. Materials presented were from the Town of Barnstable's website. Proposed routes could be partly paved or wooded. There are sections which are challenging to link. A public survey was done in December by DPW to get input. Currently, some pathways are crossing over onto private property. The goal would be to find pathways that did not use private property to link trails. Entry off Boulder Rd. is no longer part of the pathway system of trails. It goes over private property and is no longer accessible. The Americorp group began mapping out trails by the County Farm, but work needs to continue for options and layout. Another proposed pathway link would be from Old Jail Lane and Phinney's Lane along Route 6 using the right of way section. This would have to go through MassDOT and regular trail maintenance would have to be provided by the Town. A new trail was added on county land. An ordinance was created in order to use this pathway and the path has been labeled, "The Law".

Member Payson is concerned with increased motorized use of the trails. Conservation land has been set aside for wildlife habitat. Mountain bikers are also concerned with illegal motorized use. Bikers want to be good stewards and seen as responsible partners.

More education is needed to the public regarding how to responsibly use the trails. Councilor Clark suggested applying for a tourism grant next year to inform the public of available walking trails. This would be a way of communicating to the public also about safety and what is illegal use on the trails.

Member Canedy spoke with David Anthony about wetlands behind Trayser Museum. A notice of Intent needs to be filed with Conservation. It was suggested that Barnstable Land Trust would be able to help with the preparation. A bridge in that area would be most beneficial in order to stay above the wet ground when it floods. Hope to get this project done before June when the ground is saturated.

35 Scudder Ave. - Twin Brooks

There is a proposed new development of 312 apartment units, 10 percent affordable and 468 parking spaces. No application has been sent to the Town of Barnstable at this time. It's at the Cape Cod Commission for review. Member Liz Lewis states her concern with the parcel as low lying land which could flood easily. It's a great open space currently and it's needed for the Hyannis Village community. Member Farley Lewis states she hopes the Town is not being short sighted in solving a housing issue but also considering the long term environmental impact. Anne Rowland agrees there doesn't appear to be much upland in that area.

Next meeting the committee will discuss the open space and recreation plan. Download section 9.3 to review and plan on discussing.

Status of outstanding Conservation Restrictions – Harju, Amaral, Prince Ave.

Nothing new to report.

Spring Walking Event – Farley Lewis

Member Lewis is working on finding leaders to head up the walks.

Report from Phyllis Miller regarding Santuit Preserve

Nothing new to report

CPC Meeting– No new information

Breeds Hill – No new information

Commerce Rd. – No new information

Report from Town Council Liaison Kris Clark

None

Announcements

None at the time.

Correspondence

None

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

None

Public Comment

None

6:25 PM Adjournment

Motion made by Farley Lewis and seconded by Liz Lewis.

Vote:

AYE: Farley Lewis, Phyllis Miller, Anne Rowland, Liz Lewis, Doug Payson, Steve Gould, Ann Canedy

NAY: None