



# Town of Barnstable

## Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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### Committee Members:

Kristine Clark, Chair  
Phyllis Miller, Vice Chair  
Laura Cronin  
Stephen Farrar  
Duncan Gibson  
James Hinkle  
Thomas Mullen  
Stephen O'Neil  
Tom Lee

### Town Council Liaison:

John Norman

## Minutes Monday February 13, 2012

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Laura Cronin	Absent
Stephen Farrar	Absent
Duncan Gibson	Absent
James Hinkle	Present
Thomas Mullen	Absent
Stephen O'Neil	Present
Tom Lee	Present
John Norman – TC Liaison	Absent

Also present were Jim Kinsella from Barnstable Enterprise, Jaci Barton from Barnstable Land Trust and Farley, a walk steward.

Kris Clark opens the meeting at 5:35 PM. A quorum is present

### Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from LAP meeting of January 9, 2012

A motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by James Hinkle to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote:

All in favor

Kris Clark indicates that there are notes from LAPC's joint meeting with Barnstable Village officials which took place on January 24, 2012 and indicates that they do not have to be approved as they are notes

### Guest

- Jaci Barton: Coombs Conservation Restriction

Jaci Barton gives the members handouts regarding the Coombs property which includes a fact sheet from Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) on the purchase, a map of the parcel and the BLT newsletter "Resources" dated Late Summer 2011, with the Coombs property featured. Jaci Barton indicates that the important part of the restriction, is what she emailed Kris Clark today. Jaci indicates that this piece of property came about as a result of a mailing BLT had done. She indicates that Mrs. Coombs husband is deceased and that her children were not interested in holding onto this piece of property for cranberry use. She notes that the



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property has not been actively used for cranberry harvesting for quite awhile. Jaci indicates that BLT did enter into an agreement to purchase the property for \$20,000 with an agreement to try and get it done by the end of the year. BLT pursued a grant from the State, the Conservation Partnership Grant, for \$10,000 which was late in being received and BLT, she believes, was the only land trust on Cape Cod to receive this grant. However, because the population is falling and they can't compete with western Massachusetts, their projects did not fair as well this year but this one did and they got an award promise of \$10,464 towards the total purchase price and the cost associated with the acquisition. Jaci indicates that when they accept a grant from the State they must have a conservation restriction and prefer it be with the Town of Barnstable rather than the State. Therefore, they are coming with the hope that the Town of Barnstable will hold this conservation restriction. BLT will own the property and have all the management responsibilities but the Town of Barnstable will monitor the conservation restriction.

Jaci indicates that Rob Gatewood, Director of the Conservation Commission, has been out to the property. She indicates that originally, on the property, there was a pump house which was removed prior to the acquisition resulting in a concrete pad surrounded with cinder blocks which they will remove but that they may leave the concrete pad in place and are thinking of placing a bench at this location as it overlooks Fuller Mill Pond. The property itself is 6.55 acres with 3 separate bogs. She indicates that they did close on the property with a Purchase and Sales Agreement in January and have to have the restriction by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order for file for that reimbursement. She indicates that this property is unique as it has a trail system and that she has seen children walking around the bogs which she thinks is important as the children are enjoying it. She thinks that this is a good place to do environmental education and that there is a lot that can be done to improve the trails but there is no immediate remediation at this time. At the southern end there is ditch which they want to be able to cross over perhaps with a bridge. The management issues that she sees besides taking care of the pathways around it is to manage the bogs so that it does not become total woodlands. There is a beautiful open vista which she would like to keep. Also, there are ditches surrounding all of the bogs and that they may want to revert the water as it would help the stream flow and would like that within the conservation restriction.

Tom Lee asks Jaci when BLT will be going to ConComm. Jaci indicates soon.

Steve O'Neil indicates it has good access and asks if the Town has the right of way off Old Stage Road. Jaci indicates that the Town would have the right of way into the Andrews property and if there was an old road there, they would have access. Jaci indicates that BLT's access is by easement over the left hand portion to the northwest.

A motion is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by James Hinkle to approve this recommendation for the Coombs conservation restriction.

Vote:  
All in favor



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Steve O'Neil clarifies that LAPC is to write a letter in favor of this to be given to Town Council. Tom Lee asks if she would also send a letter to the Conservation Commission. Kris to send a letter to ConComm. Jaci clarifies that the conservation restriction needs also to be approved by the state.

### **Old Business**

#### **▪ Act To Sustain Community Preservation HB765/SB1841 update**

Kris Clark indicates that she contacted Sue Rohrbach who informed her that there has not been any advancement but there is still interest in this issue.

### **Review and Update on Meeting with Barnstable Fire District: Tuesday, January 24th at 7pm at the Unitarian Church in Barnstable Village**

Kris indicates that she did hear from Tom Cambareri with regrets for missing the meeting but that they did have a productive meeting and asks Phyllis Miller to summarize. Phyllis indicates that they spoke at length about wells and the need for protection. She indicates that several people had presentation overviews including Jaci Barton and Mark Robinson. She indicates that the village, as a whole, is interested in the protection of their wells and were concerned about the potential discharge of effluent on the McManus property. She indicates that they are to do more research themselves and have put money aside themselves to protect their wells.

Tom Lee indicates that in regards to the Zone 1 and 2 changes that they should find out the from Tom Cambareri the status from the Cape Cod Commission. Phyllis suggests asking Tim Cambareri for input.

Jaci Barton indicates that some of the people didn't know there was a Cape Cod Pathways and it seemed that they might be willing to help maintain that segment of the path.

Kris Clark indicates that she has been in touch with Peter Eleftherakis, Chair of the Prudential Committee, and doesn't think there will be a new meeting until March but that he showed a great deal of interest as it relates to Barnstable Village. Kris indicates that she envisioned that the kernel of what they are looking for could be flushed out by the April Fire District's meeting and that they could filter out any other issues they overlooked. She will keep everyone up-to-date.

### **Update on the Town's Water Quality Advisory Committee**

Kris indicates that she met with Hans Keijser, Superintendent of the Hyannis Water Company, who had concerns about the preservation of Zone 1 that he is responsible for. Kris indicates that it looks like they have some work to do in securing those parcels so that the integrity of the water supply is protected. They discuss the well area and funding. Jaci Barton indicates that the state grant programs, except for the aquifer protection program, require submission by July 15<sup>th</sup> but that the aquifer protection plan might have a later



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date and thinks that it will always be funded especially as it pertains to Hyannis as it is an underserved area. Kris indicates that they haven't heard back from the Barnstable villagers about another meeting there.

### Community Preservation Committee update

#### January 23rd meeting

Kris Clark indicates that Phyllis Miller and herself attended the Town Council meeting and that the councilors were being asked for their input on priorities as it relates to CPC funding. She indicates that Councilor Michael Hersey was the only one that mentioned that municipal water protection was important to him. She indicates that she did not get the sense that there was a formal recommendation from the council to CPC but there was discussion at the workshop level. She indicates also that she didn't get the sense that there was that much strong sentiment to direct the funds towards open space preservation unless they can convey to the councilors that open space includes municipal water protection and ways to water which may shift the balance of how they recommend the funds get disbursed through CPC.

Tom Lee indicates that there will be upcoming workshops for Town Council regarding this.

#### February 27th meeting

Kris Clark will ask Tom Mullen to remember to attend.

### New Business

#### Open Space and Recreation Plan's implementation strategy: Kris Clark

#### Review of Criteria for evaluating Open Space acquisitions

Kris indicates they can keep it the same or weigh in on it or wait for better attendance of LAPC or utilize the dot exercise where you place your weight what you think is important for open space criteria. She asks if the dot exercise would be valuable or if the members have any other suggestions. Steve O'Neil indicates that he believes it would be better handled on a case-by-case basis. Kris explains how the dot exercise works. They discuss public versus private water supply. Kris suggests that the members look it over and make suggestions or reaffirm it and will put it on the next agenda.

#### The State's LIP application period for Fiscal Year 2013 grants will begin January 9, 2012 and end March 5, 2012.

Kris indicates that she was aware of this program and asked if they could have a state representative come to explain and was told not as long as the application period was open and didn't want to convey that one community may be advantaged over another community by having information. Therefore, she went to the website from their website and that someone would meet after this application period was over. She indicates that it is on the State's Massachusetts wildlife website and designed to "address the conservation of fish and wildlife on private lands" She reads their goals. She indicates that there is a link on LAPC's webpage to this program and reiterates that it ends March 5<sup>th</sup>.



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### Updates

#### Pathways: Tom Mullen

Tom Mullen is absent. Kris Clark asks Farley, the walk steward, for an update to which she indicates that they are meeting this coming Wednesday at the Cape Cod Commission for one of the initial meetings for the Cape Walk plan from Provincetown to Bourne.

Kris Clark then indicates that on Saturday, she attended the Compact's annual convocation in Bourne and received some documents that support what Mark Robinson explained about the State's Conservation Land Credit.

#### Santuit Preserve: Steve Farrar

Kris indicates that at the Compact's annual convocation, she ran into Bill Keto who spoke to this group about the Santuit Preserve and they are planning a walk on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting at Persy's restaurant on Route 28 on the Cotuit/Mashpee line at 10:00 AM and anyone is welcome to join and can carpool to the area for a guided tour. The conservation agent from Mashpee will also join them. Also, she heard Dennis Houle is interested in attending also.

### Announcements

### Correspondence

### Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

### Public Comment

### Other

A motion is made by Steve O'Neil and seconded by Phyllis Miller to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM