



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Ann Canedy – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
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Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020

5:30 PM

Selectman’s Conference Room – 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA

Ann Canedy - Chair	Present
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller	Present
Steve Gould	Present
Tom Lee	Absent
Elissa Crowley	Absent
Anne Rowland	Present
Janet Crystal	Absent
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Also present were *Doug Payson, a new member who is yet to be sworn in, Kris Clark - Town Council Liaison, Elizabeth Jenkins – Director of Planning & Development, and Carol Puckett – Administrative Assistant

Since a quorum has been met, Ann opens the meeting at 5:34 pm

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

All members introduce themselves including Doug Payson who is a realtor for more than 33 years, an avid hiker and person who loves the outdoors. Ann explains that he has volunteered to be a land steward and has been a walk leader on many LAPC spring/fall walking events.

Ann reads the following without response:

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.

Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2019

Ann would like to table the minutes until next meeting

Motion to table the minutes to the February 10th meeting is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Elissa Crowley

Vote:

All in favor

New Business:

- **Discussion on the status of the Open Space & Recreation Plan with guest Elizabeth Jenkins, Director, Planning & Development**

Ms. Jenkins apologies to LAPC for the delay in the processing of the OSRP. She explains that the OSRP was conditionally approved by the Department of Conservation Services. However, one of the items in question by the State was regarding the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) for access to parcels which she had hoped to discuss with them. With that information, the 2010 OSRP has been updated and resubmitted back to the State last week. She currently hasn't heard back from the State as of yet but has made a notation to contact Melissa Cryan at the State's Department of Conservation Services. She notes that there is a link to download the updated plan with the response letter on the Town of Barnstable's website. Staff will send the link to everyone.

Ann asks Ms. Jenkins to give Doug Payson a summary of what the OSRP is. Ms. Jenkins explains and notes that the link to those documents will be on the Town's website, Planning & Development Department webpage. Doug asks where the public could access the proposed plan. Elizabeth explains that the conditionally plan and the comprehensive plans are on the Planning and Development's website under Comprehensive Plans.

Ann says that Kris had asked to copy section 9 – Action Items.

Jenkins would be happy to re-engage LAPC in a conversation to see what their priorities would be in order to move forward. Ann says they will go over the list in the coming months to see what they can do and how they can implement them.

Ann asks what the timeframe is to when it will come back from the State. Ms. Jenkins will call Melissa Cryan tomorrow and get that timeline. Phyllis Miller suggests, that going forward, that instead of hiring a consultant to go over the report that it be kept in-house.

Ann asks when the next OSRP will be due. Ms. Jenkins will confirm with Melissa Cryan and relay that information to LAPC. Ann suggests that if the OSRP is done every seven (7) years, that they begin at the five (5) year mark in order to have it reviewed and approved in time. Ms. Jenkins explains the need to tie all phases of planning into the preparation of the plan and looks forward to having discussions about those priorities. Ann talks about the challenges to wastewater and the lack of open space available. She states that this committee has identified priority parcels and has passed that information along to the Mark Ells – Town Manager, David Anthony – Director of Property and Risk Management and Lindsey Counsell – Chair of Community Preservation Committee (CPC).

Doug asks about transferable rights and businesses along Route 132. He is concerned about the lack of sidewalks. They discuss future planning projects, which includes the Yarmouth connection.

As for transferable rights, Ms. Jenkins explains that, with the last comprehensive plan, the basis of land use planning, is this idea that they provide incentives to development and concentrate it in the Growth Incentive Zone (GIZ) area in Hyannis and was done as part of a process with the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) where they put Resource Protection Overlay District (RPOD) in place, with the exception of Hyannis and Barnstable, and then increase the ability to do redevelopment in downtown Hyannis. She notes that this is not a formal TDR (Transfer of Development Rights) program. They did a number of space acquisitions. However, as they try to balance demand you will hear a lot about economic development working in that redevelopment framework.

Doug asks about a multi-use path along Independence Park. Ms. Jenkins states that along with Department of Public Works (DPW), Planning and Development pursued a Massworks grant in 2017 in cooperation with some development objectives and what was funded should be going forward in Spring of 2020. It will be a multi-use path from Phase 3 of the Cape Cod Rail Trail which will terminate on Mary Dunn Road. The path will then extend all the way down Independence Drive to Route 132.

Doug asks it will connect to Bearse's Way. Ms. Jenkins believes it will be part of the Route 132 Study. Ann asks if the path at Independence Drive will accommodate both pedestrians and bicycles. Ms. Jenkins believes it will be six (6) to eight (8) feet wide and separate from the roadway.

LAPC members agree that they would like to review this information provided by Ms. Jenkins on Section 9 first and come back at the next meeting to review and comment. Ms. Jenkins agrees to attend the next meeting to discuss.

Old Business:

- **Update on Pending Conservation Restrictions-Prince Avenue/Harju/Amaral**

Ann reports that she has had a recent conversation with Lindsey Counsell – Chair of CPC who reports that they are still working on a plan for Prince Cove for the proposed parking lot and pathway to the landing. After Prince Cove, the plan is to work on the Amaral CR. The Harju CR needs only to have a resolve by CPC and has sent an email to Mr. Counsell asking the status of this. She will forward that information to the members once received.

Doug asks if there is liability if they don't have a CR. Ann thinks it might affect the ability to get funding.

- **Update on CR Approval Process**

Ann notes that Tom Lee is not here but shows the CR Approval Process chart he put together and has received feedback from Lindsey Counsell who thinks the chart is too complicated. She shows a chart that Lindsey has suggested (Exhibit A). Ms. Miller thinks these properties need to be monitored constantly. Ann thinks that Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) or the Conservation Commission (ConComm) needs to be mindful about checking these parcels as they will be the entity that will be holding the CR's. Staff to scan the chart and send to Lindsey Counsell to confirm.

- **Update on application of Orenda Wildlife Land Trust**

Ann states that it is still in the town's legal department and has sent an email asking about its status

- **Update on Pathways Subcommittee**

Farley and Doug attended the last meeting of the Pathways Subcommittee on January 9th which was held at the BLT offices. She reports that they are working on easements and is wondering if Kris Clark has information on the county farm connection. There was some discussion about the Jenkins property regarding its future plans. Farley announces that the Cape Cod Compact is holding a meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2020 which will include a discussion about merging and protecting cranberry lands.

As for walks, Doug and she are thinking, that instead of doing a spring walking weekend, they will do a scheduled walking series. They discuss the phone app All Trails which is a crowd-sourcing app that gives statistics regarding the pathway one chooses.

Doug states that today he met with representative from BLT regarding the walks they are planning and thinks they will start late January and early February. They are planning on hopscotching them around town to showcase properties in part which might appeal to different groups. He notes that they can also look at what Harwich, Orleans, and Chatham does in reference to their scheduled walks. Ann reminds them that she can advertise the walks in her newsletter. They discuss local advertising.

Steve Gould suggests perhaps having a particular day of the month like the first Wednesday of each month, etc. Doug would like to make his walks that local people can walk to instead of parking their car at a conservation area.

Kris suggests perhaps weekend walks once a month. They discuss distinguishable trail signage. Ann will look into grant funding for the signs.

Ann asks Steve Gould to call Harwich and Chatham to see where/how they obtained their signs. Doug will get the information to Steve.

- **Update on Santuit Management Plan and Committee**

Phyllis Miller reports that David Anthony is waiting on one person to confirm their availability and to meet as a committee sometime in January. One of the issues they are having is in trying to figure out what to do with the

cranberry bogs which was in response to the bacteria level at the bogs at the Santuit Preserve. They are planning on flooding the main bog and then test for phosphorus. Phyllis has been in touch with Darcy Karle – Director of the Conservation Commission in reference to this issue as there was some concern about seepage into Lovell’s Pond.

- **Update on pending Community Preservation Committee open space applications.**
Ann notes that there was a letter of intent submitted to CPC which involves approximately 15.9 acre located on Falcon Road, West Barnstable. She states that CPC has asked the applicant to consult with BLT as they also have an interest in that property. CPC has asked for an appraisal and is not ready for a CR as of yet.
- **Report from Town Council Liaison Kris Clark**
Kris has nothing new but thinks that they should look and review the OSRP goals and objectives. Ann asks Kris to look into the status of the land swap for Breeds Hill as well as the shooting range.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Steve Gould to adjourn

Vote:

All in favor

Please Note: The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. It is possible that if it so votes, the Committee may go into executive session. The Committee may also act on items in an order other than they appear on this agenda.

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