



Town of Barnstable Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

Ann Canedy – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
Kris Clark Elissa Crowley Janet Crystal Steve Gould Thomas Lee Phyllis Miller Anne Rowland
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Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2020

5:30 pm

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As a quorum has been met, Ann Canedy – Chair of LAPC open the July 13, 2020 meeting and call it to order.

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

Ann Canedy does roll call attendance:

Member	Present	Absent
Ann Canedy - Chair	X	
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	X	
Phyllis Miller	X	
Steve Gould	X	
Elissa Crowley	X	
Anne Rowland	X	
Doug Payson		X
Liz Lewis	X	
LAPC Liaison	Present	Absent
Kris Clark – Town Council Liaison	X	
Tracy Pratt	X	
Carol Puckett - Staff	X	

Ann reads the following into the record with no 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

- **Approval of minutes from March 9, 2020**

Motion is made to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020 as submitted by Farley Lewis and seconded by Anne Rowland

Roll call vote:

Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED
Ann Canedy - Chair	x		
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	x		
Phyllis Miller	x		
Steve Gould	x		
Elissa Crowley	x		
Anne Rowland	x		
Doug Payson	Not currently present		
Liz Lewis	x		
Tracy Pratt (cannot vote until approved and sworn in)			

- **Approval of minutes from June 8, 2020**

Ann Canedy wants to note that the plural of CR has no apostrophe. Ann also wants to delete paragraph 10 on Page 3.

Motion is made to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020 as amended is made by Phyllis Miller and seconded by Elissa Crowley.

Roll call vote:

Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED
Ann Canedy - Chair			
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	x		
Phyllis Miller	x		
Steve Gould	x		
Elissa Crowley	x		
Anne Rowland	x		
Doug Payson	Currently not present		
Liz Lewis	x		
Tracy Pratt (cannot vote until approved and sworn in)			

Ann introduces Janet Milkman

New Business:

- **Review of Conservation Restriction (CR)- 830 Wakeby Road: Possible vote to recommend approval.**

Members discuss the solar project. Janet points out the parcel on a displayed map. It is woodland with existing trails and the proposal is for the Town to own it and for BLT to hold the CR. It is a project whereas the Town is applying for a Massachusetts Land Grant which is the largest type of grant for conservation purposes. BLT is currently in the process of helping the Town apply for that grant. It is within a lot of the state layer for endangered species and rare habitat is an important parcel for those reasons. There are existing trails and an opportunity to add parking at the north end.

Liz Lewis clarifies that there will be no ability to develop or construct on the property.

Kris Clark clarifies with Janet Milkman that the trails will be open to the public.

Ann Canedy asks about the timeline with the CR and timeline with the grant. Janet Milkman explains that they would need to get the grant application submitted, get awarded the grant (which they would find out in the Fall), need to close on the property and demonstrate to the State that they have fulfilled the obligations of the grant. She would anticipate that the reimbursement would come perhaps in the Spring.

Janet notes that the town has been administratively supportive regarding this project. Ann Canedy likes the parcel. Phyllis Miller has visited the parcel and thinks they should go along and do what they need to obtain it. Phyllis also notes that this parcel is in a watershed. Ann Canedy asks who will be maintaining the walking trails located on the parcel. Janet Milkman states that she hasn't worked out those details as of yet and that the Town hasn't raised that question to date. They discuss the maintenance plan for the trails.

Elissa Crowley asks about bikes and mountain bikes being allowed on the trails. Janet Milkman notes that the State has certain language and the decision of how that property is used in reference to mountain biking should be determined once funded. Ann Canedy notes that language should be included in the CR in reference to that issue. Janet will look into that further.

Phyllis Miller makes a motion to write a letter of recommendation for approval to the Town Council for the purchase as presented by the Barnstable Land Trust. Seconded by Anne Rowland.

Roll call vote:

Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED
Ann Canedy - Chair	x		
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	x		
Phyllis Miller	x		
Steve Gould	x		
Elissa Crowley	x		
Anne Rowland	x		
Doug Payson	Not present		
Liz Lewis	x		

Old Business:

• **Update on Harju CR, Amaral CR, Prince Ave CR, Great Marsh CR, Falcon Road (Spruce Pond Bog) CR**

Ann Canedy asks Janet Milkman to comment on the status of the following: Janet states that she is not sure of the status of these CRs. Ann Canedy will write a letter of inquiry as to their status.

- Harju
- Amaral
- Prince Avenue
- Great March – Farley Lewis notes that this has been approved by Town Council but is not sure if it has been finalized.
- Falcon Road – Janet Milkman states that this has not gone before Town Council as of yet because the Town decided that they wanted drinking water access rights which means that they would need to go back to CPC for the additional funding. They discuss drinking water grants. Janet Milkman notes that perhaps the Planning Department or DPW could apply for those grants and thinks it is a great resource that can be tapped into. She thinks there is more money at the State level for drinking water grants. Ann Canedy will look into this issue with approval from the committee members. The members agree to let Ann pursue this.

Kris Clark asks Janet Milkman about the upcoming Barnstable Land Trust annual meeting and the President's Award. Janet Milkman announces that their President's Award this year will be given to LAPC member, Phyllis Miller. Well deserved. Janet also announces that the Founder's Award will be given to Town employee, Nina Coleman for her work at Sandy Neck.

• **Report on Solar Project proposed for County Farm property**

Ann Canedy notes that this is a county agricultural property with a CR that the Town holds. It is 91 acres and the County is proposing seven solar projects, most of which, will be placed on county buildings. Two of the solar panels will be placed on parking place canopies and the rest over the several acres on the county farm. Ann Canedy notes that there has been pushback

from abutters and others in Barnstable Village. She states that the county farm is a bird corridor and is not sure how birds will be able to graze with solar panels on the ground. She did alert the Town to that fact and now the county has pulled back somewhat because of financial guarantees from the Electric Company and concerns from the public. At this point, it has been withdrawn but would like to keep an eye on it.

- Liz Lewis reports that they talked about the solar panels at a meeting she attended. She personally doesn't care for the solar panels but also notes that the Cape is trying to meet the State's requirements for renewable energy.
- **Update on Pathways Subcommittee (Barnstable Land Trust)**
Elissa Crowley, Farley Lewis, Doug Payson and Kelly Barber discussed work on the trails and found a problem with a section of the path that connects with Route 6. Farley reports that the issue, since then, has been resolved and that they spent time in the woods redefining the routes
- **Update on Santuit Management Plan and Committee**
Steve Gould reports that he recently walked the trail and found it immaculate. Phyllis Miller notes that they have land stewards that are very faithful and have done a great job. Phyllis Miller also reports that the algae is under control and not a problem at Santuit Pond but is an issue currently at Lovell's Pond.
- **Update on pending Community Preservation Committee open space applications .**
Farley is not aware of any applications at this time and notes that Wakeby Road was approved but Falcon Road had to go back to the Legal Department for water use concerns. Members discuss the timeline table regarding CRs. Kris Clark would like to recommend to have the timeline table on the Town's webpage in order to track pending CRs. Ann asks staff for recommendations on how to track them. Carol states that a central document would need to be established so that staff, in the many departments, could update as it is processed through their department(s). Members discuss. Carol to discuss with Ellen Swinarski from CPC. Motion is made by Elissa Crowley to write a letter recommending that CPC approve the CR process and update that system accordingly. and post the results on their website. Seconded by Anne Rowland.
Roll Call Vote:

Member	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED
Ann Canedy - Chair	x		
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	x		
Phyllis Miller	x		
Steve Gould	x		
Elissa Crowley	x		
Anne Rowland	x		
Doug Payson	Not present		
Liz Lewis	x		

- **Update on OSRP**
Ann Canedy does not have an update but Elizabeth Jenkins will be attending an upcoming meeting to discuss.
- **Report from Town Council Liaison Kris Clark**
Kris reports that she heard from DPW Director Dan Santos regarding the shooting range and was informed that nothing has changed. He also reported that they are currently reviewing all the test well drilling data to determine the scope of the next detailed phase.

Kris also suggests bringing up the subject of alternative options such as seeking grant funding for private land purchases for consideration for future municipal water sources, particularly in regards to the list of parcels LAPC compiled in the past. This list was compiled in executive sessions of the Water Districts and is not public information. Ann asks Kris to send her an email outlining that suggestion.

Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

Public Comment

Adjournment

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

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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Approved