



Town of Barnstable

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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Committee Members

Ann Canedy – Chair Farley Lewis – Vice Chair
Elissa Crowley Steve Gould Elizabeth Lewis Phyllis Miller Douglas Payson Tracy Pratt Anne Rowland
Kris Clark – Town Council Liaison

MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 2022

5:30 PM

A quorum has been met, Ann Canedy – Chair opens the meeting at 5:30PM

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

Table with 2 columns: Name and Status. Rows include Ann Canedy - Chair (Present), Farley Lewis - Vice Chair (Present), Phyllis Miller (Absent), Elizabeth Lewis (Present), Steve Gould (Absent), Douglas Payson (Present), Elissa Crowley (Present), Anne Rowland (Present), Tracy Pratt (Present).

Also in attendance Karen McGuire, President and Brian Hughes, Vice President for Save Twin Brooks; Councilor Kris Clark, Liasion to LAPC

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

Approval of Minutes

Kris Clark had a correction. Third page under Twin Brooks Project should be Elizabeth Lewis and not Elizabeth Farley. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Member Payson and seconded by Member Pratt. All in favor.

New Business

Update -Twin Brooks project

Chair Canedy introduces Karen McGuire and Brian Hughes with Save Twin Brooks to provide an update. The project which is known as DA-20065 is currently under review by a subcommittee with the Cape Cod Commission. There will be four public subcommittee hearings. The first was held on March 21, 2022 and residents that had concerns about the subcommittee hearing were heard. The second hearing scheduled for April 12, 2022 will be to go over particular topic areas like cultural heritage, economy, housing, waste management, capital facilities and infrastructure. Save Twin Brooks will be doing a presentation on cultural heritage, housing and the economy. The third meeting in a month or so, they will be presenting on community design, transportation and energy. The fourth and final meeting will discuss water resources, wetland resources, wildlife & plant habitat, open space, coastal resiliency and climate mitigation. The Cape Cod Commission made a recommendation to the developer to pull their buildings out of the 200ft river front area. The developer had to approach the Conservation Commission who had not heard of this project to see if they could fill in pond number four. Conservation voted that the project is not under their jurisdiction. Save Twin Brooks has appealed that decision to DEP. DEP did a site visit, outcome of that visit not known yet. Chair Canedy reports that the Barnstable Land Trust has given alternative considerations to the Cape Cod Commission and she asks if the Cape Cod Commission is open to suggestions. The Cape Cod Commission can only consider the proposal in front of them. Much of the land in question cannot be touched due to being in a wetland. Ms. McGuire ended her presentation talking about the mapping tool that is used for development and how beneficial the property could be to open space. Ms. McGuire would like to come back after the fourth meeting with the Cape Cod Commission to provide an update.

Old Business :

Update on status of outstanding Conservation Restrictions-Harju, Amaral, Prince Ave, Wakeby, Commerce (Bowles), Silvia

Chair Canedy contacted Representative Tim Whelan who in turn contacted Lt. Governor Karyn Polito regarding the problems with Conservation Restrictions (CR's) in town. They reported back that they are working on hiring someone in that position. Barnstable Land Trust is anxious to get these done before June to receive the tax credit. Revisions need to be signed off.

Update -Pathways Project and Trayser Bridge Construction Proposal

Chair Canedy shows the design for the bridge. Member Payson is concerned with the length of the bridge and it is longer than it actually needs to be. Also the space under the bridge should allow for amphibians to crawl between the vernal pools and the red maple swamp. Chair Canedy suggest a conversation sharing the concerns should be had once approvals have gone through so the project does not get held up.

Update-Spring Walking Weekend

Vice Chair Farley Lewis has a tentative schedule with seven walks to date. Amy Harwood with Planning & Development to help with marketing for these walks. Some suggestions to get the word out were press releases, social media, and both chambers in town to be notified. Better signage is needed. Other towns have

recognized the importance of pathways. Councilor Clark would like to see the development of a walking library; need to build a close relationship between the land trust and town.

Update-Centerville Cranberry Bog

Chair Canedy distributed a letter dated March 14th to the committee from the Friends of the Centerville Cranberry Bog. The group has a very strong presence with the bog. Many walkers use the bog. Possible win/win for both parties would be a conservation tax credit which would allow public access and the ability to retain property ownership. This has not been discussed on the Town Council level yet.

Report from Phyllis Miller/Tracy Pratt regarding Santuit Preserve

Member Pratt shared that it has been busy at Santuit. Chair Canedy asked if the trails were picked up after the storm. DPW was not contacted to clean up. Chair Canedy asks if it looks like a clean-up is needed, please contact DPW.

Report from Farley Lewis regarding Community Preservation Committee Open Space applications.

Member Farley Lewis told the committee that Armstrong Kelly Park will be going to CPC at some point, although nothing has been submitted at this date.

Chair Canedy reported that Chris Nappi from Natural Resources will be at the May meeting to talk about herring runs and Mark Milne, Director of Finance will be at the June meeting to discuss CPC funds. Barnstable Land Trust to approach CPC soon about the Commerce Road property. Member Payson shared with the help of Councilor Clark funding has been secured for design work for the sidewalk on Commerce Road.

Report from Town Council Liaison Kris Clark.

Councilor Clark did not have a report.

Next Meeting

May 9, 2022

Adjournment –

Member Pratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Payson seconded.

Vote: All in favor