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, May 9, 2022 5:30 PM

A quorum has been met, Ann Canedy – Chair opens the meeting at 5:36 PM Call to Order/ Introduction of Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Members

Ann Canedy - Chair	Present
Farley Lewis – Vice	Present
Chair	! !
Phyllis Miller	Present
Elizabeth Lewis	Absent
Steve Gould	Present
Douglas Payson	Absent
Elissa Crowley	Present
Anne Rowland	Absent
Tracy Pratt	Present

Also in attendance Janet Milkman and Amanda Sullivan, Barnstable Land Trust; Councilor Gordan Starr

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 Chair Canedy postponed the approval of the April 11, 2022 minutes until the next meeting.

New Business

A presentation by Janet Milkman, Barnstable Land Trust, of Conservation Restriction known as Penn/Tonela Lane CR; review by Committee and possible vote to approve

Janet Milkman told the committee about the land donated by Felicia Penn to Barnstable Land Trust. The town will have to approve, no funding is associated with this donation. This parcel abuts a property the Trust owns. It is near the Audubon and is part of big important conservation area. This CR is straightforward; the usual

activities and uses are included. Ms. Milkman informed the committee that the Trust will be coming back with three additional CRs next month. Vice Chair Farley Lewis thanked the Barnstable Land Trust and the Penn family for this great contribution. A motion to recommend that the Town Council approve this CR was made by Vice Chair Farley Lewis and seconded by Member Miller. All in favor.

Outreach to House of Representatives regarding Conservation Land Tax Credit

Chair Canedy explained that this is a tool to encourage preservation. It is an incentive to donate land and retain ownership. This credit protects land in exchange for reduced taxes. The House of Representatives is trying to lift the budget cap on this restriction. Chair Canedy urges members to contact our local representatives to support this measure. If the committee agrees, Chair Canedy can write letters on LAPC's behalf.

Old Business:

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

Ms. Milkman provided an update to the group. She is expecting to bring Bowles/Commerce conservation restriction to the Committee's meeting next month. The Trust is involved with all CRs and they are awaiting final review of Silvia, Harju, Amaral, Wakeby and Prince Ave. Ms. Milkman will be happy to have them all approved by the end of the year due to the back log at the State level.

<u>Update -Pathways Project and Trayser Bridge Construction Proposal</u>

There was not an update on this project due to Member Payson being absent. Ms. Milkman passed out three supplemental brochures for Pathways.

Update-Spring Walking Weekend

Vice Chair Farley Lewis shared the Spring Walking Weekend brochure that Amy Harwood, Planning & Development created. The Walking Weekend is scheduled for June 3, 2022 through June 5, 2022. Amy will send out a press release within the town's communication system. Chair Canedy asked Councilor Starr to put the Walking Weekend information in his newsletter. The event is guaranteed to provide something for everyone. Vice Chair Farley talked about the locations on the brochure and thanked Amy Harwood.

Update-Centerville Cranberry Bog

No update at this time. The article in the newspaper recently is raising awareness.

<u>Update – Twin Brooks Proposal</u>

Ms. Milkman talked about the upcoming sub-committee meeting on May 17, 2022 with the Cape Cod Commission. She did not have any updates since the last sub-committee meeting. She encouraged everyone to speak at the next meeting and feels it is very important to have all voices heard on this issue.

Report from Phyllis Miller/Tracy Pratt regarding Santuit Preserve

Member Miller and Member Pratt will attend a meeting on the Santuit Management Plan on May 11, 2022 with other representatives. After a brief recess due to COVID, this Management Committee is getting back on track.

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

Vice Chair Farley Lewis reported on the April 25, 2022 CPC meeting. Trustees of Reservations submitted a Request for \$425,000 in Community Open Space/Recreation funds to support a community-focused accessible renovation of Armstrong-Kelley Park located in Osterville. Vice Chair Farley Lewis is planning a site visit on May 17, 2022. There will not be a CR on this property so questions arise regarding the need for a management agreement. Ms. Milkman was surprised to hear funding under CPC could be provided without a CR. Chair

Canedy suggested that the request might be being considered as a recreation project. Chair Canedy does not see that LAPC has a role with this project and asks Vice Chair Farley Lewis to keep the group updated.

Report from Town Council Liaison Kris Clark.

Councilor Clark was absent. Chair Canedy asked Councilor Starr if he had any updates to report and he had none.

<u>Update -Open Space & Recreation Plan</u>

Chair Canedy reported there are no updates.

Chair Canedy provided an overview of the June 2022 meeting. The Committee will be presented with a CR from Barnstable Land Trust. Mark Milne, Finance Director, Town of Barnstable, will give a talk on what kind of CPC funds have been allocated toward land acquisition and CRs. Ian Ives, Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary will be here to do a brief presentation on an "all persons trail" which he will also be presenting to the Disability Commission.

Member Gould gave his resignation to the committee. Chair Canedy asked him to send that resignation in writing to Cynthia Lovell, Administrator of the Town Council. She thanked him for his service and will ask Councilor Clark to make an announcement at Town Council to seek applicants from the villages that are not represented (Osterville and Marstons Mills) at this time.

Next Meeting

June 13, 2022

Adjournment -

Member Gould made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Miller. Vote: All in favor. The meeting closed at 6:20 PM.