

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee MEETING minutes Date: June 1, 2016 Time: 6:00 – 8:30 pm Yarmouth Town Hall, Community Room	<i>To advise the Town Council, staff, boards, committees, and the public concerning the funding, acquisition, management, use, and disposition of town lands needed to implement the parks, trails, pedestrian easements, and open-space goals of the community; and to engage the town and public in stewardship, protection, and uses of the natural environment and ecosystems of Yarmouth through public education, shared responsibility and personal experience, and connection to the lands and waters of Yarmouth.</i>
Chair: L. Lindgren Committee members 2016: <i>Present : (P) Absent (A)</i> Larry Lindgren (chair) (A) Beth Sturtevant (P) Tony Cowles (P) Jay Waterman (P) Andy Mazer (P) Jamie Carter (P) Mary Webber (P)	Notes taken by: Jay W Town Council, Staff & Guests: Alan Stearns, RRCT Karyn Garofoli, YCS Director David Craig, Town Council Liaison Sharon McHold
Meeting Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PBP public meeting review, possible property purchase discussion, Planning Board updates, summer schedule. 	Desired Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve PBP mngmt plan public meeting minutes. • To share and discuss updates to possible parcel acquisition • To hear suggestions for capital improvement plan

Minutes

March and April 2016 minutes were approved unanimously

Welcome & Introductions

- All attendees know each other from past meetings, etc. so there were no introductions.

1) Pratts Brook Park

- Pratt's Brook Park Public Meeting #2 minutes (from May 25, 2016) were discussed
- It was noted that the Committee is responsible for a recommendation to the Town Council regarding changes to the PBP management plan.
- The Committee wanted to note that emails and other correspondence that the PLC and the Town receives are also part of the public record in the Pratt's Brook Park management plan update process.
- At next meeting(s) with the public, it is important that the facilitator ask all those who wish to speak to state their name and where they live.
- A survey was discussed in public meeting #2 as well as in this evening's meeting. Karyn reviewed a draft survey and heard comments about the question in the draft survey. Karyn will revise the survey based on comments and send the survey out to the group and will promote the survey through the Town website, school department email lists, PLC list and on voting day in June 2016.
- The letter to Mr. Hamill was discussed regarding the use of mountain bikes in the park and the need to get clarification from Mr. Hamill. Karyn will revise the letter and get it to Mr. Hamill.
- The minutes of the public meeting #2 were approved.

Other Pratt's Brook discussion:

- Dog ordinance signage has been placed at the 300 feet mark from the parking lots.
- It was suggested that the dog ordinance rules be handed out to residents when they go to get their dog licenses at the town hall.
- Management Plan draft red-lined revisions will be started by a subcommittee.

2) Planning Board Relations

- Mary has gone to a couple of planning board meetings to represent the PLC and let them know we are there as a resource.
- Mary was going to go to the PB meeting next week.
- PLC regularly receives copies of applications to the planning board for PLC review and comment. Karyn will send a review template for planning board applications to all committee members.

3) Property Updates

- Patriot Insurance is moving forward with access to Bridge Street as a contentious issue
- Clarke residence / artist studio just below the Elm Street dam is potentially being sold. Issue is maintaining easement for the access to Gooch Island.
- Scamman property – Alan Stearns is meeting with the owner to discuss.
- Sligo / NYA property acquisition from Town is moving forward including easement along RR.
- PLC members are encouraged to recommend more land acquisition funds from the Council.

4) Capital Improvements Plan

- The Town is asking for extra CIP analysis and more detailed budget planning.
- Karyn is asking the PLC for help in making recommendations
 - o Benches
 - o Clearing invasive plants
 - o Water access to rivers and ocean
 - o Royal River Park pathways improvements, parking, and lighting for night sky
 - o Spear Farm Estuary barn, boat storage, interpretive signage and more educational information at entrance to the park; the barn is an opportunity to partner with the Harbor Police regarding the storage of the Harbor Master's boat during the winter;
 - o Village Improvement Society is a good resource for determining CIP needs

5) Meeting Schedule

The July 6th meeting is canceled due to the holiday

The next PLC meeting will be August 3, 2016 at the Town Hall Community Room. Items for that agenda include prepping for the September Pratt's Brook Park public meeting, and discussion of the Scamman property.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35pm