

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee <u>DRAFT MEETING Minutes</u> Date: March 2, 2016 Time: 6:00 – 7:30 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: Larry Lindgren (2016) Committee members Present: Tony Cowles Andrew Mazer Mary Webber Jamie Carter Jay Waterman	Notes taken by: Town Council, Staff & Guests: David Craig Karyn Garofoli Kyle Warren
<u>Meeting Purpose:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pratts Brook Park Mtg Summary & Future • PLC's Subdivision review understanding • Property updates • Parcel Prioritization Update 	<u>Desired Outcomes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine successes aligned with CPIC 2015 • Determine priorities aligned with CPIC 2016 • Determine priorities aligned committee passions 2016 • Determine priorities aligned with PLC mission • Confirm PBP public hearing schedule and PR materials

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions and welcome for guests and members-
- Approved February 2016 Minutes

PBP Public Meeting Summary

- PLC members in attendance of 2.24.2016 meeting at MML will circulate their notes to Kyle to compose a summary.
 - A review schedule has been structured to include and invite public participation at every opportunity. This will include at least 2 more public hearings and a public review of drafts.
- To be scheduled in late May – Public hearing #2

To be scheduled in September – Public hearing #3

GOAL: Release of final draft to Town Council for approvals in December 2016

- The public forum brought forth a passionate civil group who's goal seems to be the best open space facility possible.
- Forming a PBP Friends/Stewardship Committee- This group will evolve to include PLC and greater community members through the process. This group will continue to be advocates as any changes are implemented as a result of the revision process.
- PLC sub-committee duty list including: drafting, reviewing, and presenting to PLC (tabled)

Property Updates

- Littlejohn Island Preserve
 - Mechanical invasive plant removal and hazard tree management underway. Trails are closed during the work but will reopen immediately after equipment is gone from the site
- Spear Farm project- Barn will be removed and replaced with a structure to accomplish municipal storage needs and allowed education opportunities

- Pratts Brook Park- Recent incidents in PBP require the town to post fresh dog management signage. One way to handle this is to post the 2013 Dog Ordinance
- Meeting day – Proposal of change PLC meeting from 1st to 2nd Wednesday of month was declined unanimously

Parcel Prioritization, update and review; 2015 & 2016

- Jamie's presentation on updates of the parcel prioritization geospatial information and the interface with the now operable municipal, public facing platform. This information will help define a project for a multi organizational group to collaborate on with the goal of increasing and improving Yarmouth's open space portfolio.

Important dates upcoming

04/06/2016- Wednesday 6pm Parks & Lands Committee Meeting, Town Hall Community Room

04/16/2016-Saturday 9am-12pm Work day at Spear Farm

05/04/16 - Wednesday 6pm Parks & Lands Committee Meeting, Town Hall Community Room

05/7/2016-Saturday 9:30am Annual Royal River Spring Fling Canoe Trip

05/21/2016-Saturday 10am-2pm Celebrate our Royal River incorporates international World Fish Migration Day. Royal River Park, Yarmouth History Center,

Summer 2016- TBD Kayak tour of Lanes Island