



# Town of Barnstable

## Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee

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**April 8, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**5:30 PM**

**Selectmen's Conference Room  
367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA**

Kris Clark - Chair	Present
Phyllis Miller – Vice Chair	Present
Laura Cronin	Present
Duncan Gibson	Present
James Hinkle	Present
Thomas Mullen	Present
Stephen O'Neil	Present
Tom Lee	Present

Also present were Steve Gould, Farley Lewis, and Ann Canedy.

Kris Clark opens the meeting at 5:31 **PM**.

### **Guests:**

Amy Raitto, Barnstable Natural Resource Officer and Andrew McManus, Mashpee Conservation Agent on the status of the herring run at Santuit Preserve.

As Amy Raitto could not be present, Martin Wunderly from the Town of Barnstable's Marine and Environmental Affairs Department gives a PowerPoint presentation on the Santuit River Herring Run.. **(Exhibit A)** He shows and explains the individual slides. In regards to the maintenance after storm damage, he explains that himself and Amy Raitto's objective is to clear brush, leaves, etc., in order to make a safe passage for the herring to get through. One of the slides shows the website: <http://riverherringnetwork.com/> where people can find updates and look for volunteer opportunities. He thanks AmeriCorp volunteers who have helped with the clean-up and clearing of debris in all the herring runs and thanks the Town of Mashpee for their part in the project.

Tom Mullen asks what the status is at the herring run near Barnstable Harbor and why it isn't being utilized. Mr. Wunderly indicates that there is a fish ladder built at the mouth of that pond, believes that there weren't that many herring, but can get him more information.

Please note that the committee may act on items in a different order than they appear on this agenda.  
Also, if it so votes, the committee may go into Executive Session

Drew McManus – Conservation Agent and Herring Warden from the Town of Mashpee gives a presentation showing pictures on the Santuit Pond Dam project (Exhibit B). Drew states that Mashpee had received a grant from the Cape Cod Water Resources issued by Natural Resources Conservation Service to refortify the berm and replace the fish ladder at Santuit Pond Dam.

He shows another picture of runoff and water that is coming underneath and leakage. They sent out the bid, received large feedback from contractors and selected Lawrence Lynch to do the repair. Vegetation was cleared, engineered plans and meetings took place to get the plans right. First phase was initiated to clear wood debris and improve the access road. Lawrence Lynch regraded the road and put up erosion control on both sides of the road. There were wetland areas that were filled in as part of this project which was unavoidable but as compensation there is a wetland mitigation area off of the bog where they will replicate new wetlands to accommodate large equipment. They put siltation curtain on the back side which he shows a picture of. The berm work is now complete. They had to drop the level of the pond to elevation 40 to provide enough access for the machinery to get out there. The pond level was then brought up and only recently one of the boards from the spillway side of the fish ladder to increase the flow to accommodate the proper depth for the herring to make their way up the ladder. This will remain in place during the herring season and then in mid-June they will go back in and open up the auxiliary structure when they start construction on the fish ladder. The auxiliary structure will be opened up for exiting adults and juveniles and a channel will cut through the cranberry bog system which will hook up to the river again. Mr. McManus restates that the berm is complete, the whole project is underway and needs to be complete by the end of July. Kris Clark notes that Phyllis Miller represents this committee's interest in the project. Phyllis Miller states that she recently walked the area and is impressed with the work being done. Mr. McManus notes that he and AmeriCorp will be doing a walk around the shorefront in order to do a debris cleanup on May 5, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the boat landing off of Timberlane Drive in Mashpee.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from LAP meeting of March 11, 2013 (Exhibit C)

Jim Hinkle prefers the word stated instead of indicates as indicates doesn't has the specificity.

Phyllis abstains as she was not here at that meeting.

Motion by Steve O'Neil and seconded by James Hinkle to approve the minutes as submitted. .

Vote:

All in favor

## **Updates**

### **Santuit Preserve: Phyllis Miller**

Kris Clark and Phyllis Miller have been working with town administration in regards to whether they will be receiving staff support in advancing the elements of the management plan.

### **Pathways: Farley Lewis & Tom Mullen**

- **Spring Walk: Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9am; Meet at Barnstable County Courthouse Complex behind Barnstable Fire Station**

Farley walked with the route with Lisa Crowley and wants to thank the people who helped clear the trail. There is still a couple of trees down but is passable. She wants to invite everyone on the walk on

Saturday, April 20, 2013 at 9:00 AM. They will meet at the courthouse and walk back. Shouldn't be more than 1.5 or 2 hours. Farley clarifies that the map is on the website. Ann Canedy will put in the newsletter for her constituents.

▪ **Proposed Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension in Barnstable and Yarmouth**

Kris has no news or updates other than there is concern about a portion that passes through the 400 foot Zone 1 area for some of Hyannis' wells.

**Community Preservation Committee**

▪ **March 25th: Steve O'Neil**

Kris joined Steve at that meeting. What they had been working on is trying to continue LAPC's process of visiting the fire and water districts in the villages and to develop a list of properties that they would propose for acquisition as it relates to LAPC's criteria. The town attorney's office suggested not going as a group as it would trigger a quorum but instead taking emissaries from this group as they continue this process. With the input of Ann Canedy, LAPC's liaison, and Tom Lee who sits on CPC, they developed a strategy which she has sent it to the members. Ann Canedy would add that Jessica Rapp Grassetti and Phyllis Miller were also a part of this. Steve O'Neil notes that at this meeting also, they had a nice housing presentation. Tom Lee states adds that at the end of the meeting they discussed putting together a subcommittee regarding funding housing opportunities.

Tom Mullen was at that meeting as he is concerned about the effluent discharge at this housing project off Old Stage Road and at the McManus property. He talks about oil spill off of Breeds Hill Road and the only thing that stopped that spill was the groundcover. Ann Canedy notes that there is a citizen's advisory meeting at the airport in the conference room at 5:00 PM on April 11, 2013 to talk about the McManus property.

▪ **April 22nd: Laura Cronin**

**Old Business**

Update from the Barnstable Water/ Barnstable Fire District

Kris has no new update

Update from the Hyannis Water Board/ Hyannis Fire District

Steve O'Neil asks about a letter from Deb Krau which Kris reads. (Exhibit D)

James Hinkle asks if it would be appropriate for this committee to endorse the plan of the Hyannis Water Board. If so, he would motion to do so. Tom Mullen seconds.

Steve O'Neil asks that they endorse the request for funding. Phyllis Miller makes a motion to endorse the request for funding as it is consistent with this board's mission and asks Kris Clark to draft a letter to the chair of CPC. James Hinkle seconds.

Vote:

All in favor

Kris asks Steve O'Neil about the rail trail. Steve states that they are working on it.

To address the Hyannis concerns Kris notes that she is going to tomorrow's meeting of the Greater Hyannis Civic Association at 7:00 at the Steamship Authority building and asks if other want to join her to please do.

### **Update on the vacancy on our committee**

James Hinkle shows an article in the Barnstable Patriot showing that Steve Gould has received a recommendation from the Appointments Committee for LAPC.

Steve Gould speaks and states that he had visited the herring run and is amazed at the progress. Kris Clark explains LAPC's charge to him

## **New Business**

### **Update on the Meeting of the Chairs on April 5th at 8:00 AM**

Kris Clark attended the last meeting and the attendees were shown a presentation on the Open Meeting law.

### **Greater Hyannis Civic Association meeting on April 9th at 7pm.**

Kris explains that this is to echo what this board is doing with Hyannis and the Hyannis Water Board and due to executive session the process is being advanced but this board is not involved.

Steve O'Neil asks about water preservation and suggests that this committee be involved in water preservation education as there are a number of people who are uneducated as to how/where we get our drinking water. He suggests developing and implementing a plan to do so. Ann Canedy comments that maybe the county education person could come and give ideas on how volunteer committees can move this forward.

### **Announcements**

#### **Next Meeting: May 13, 2013 at 5:30pm.**

Guest speakers: Fred Stepanis on Conservation Restrictions and Darcy Karle on Land Management projects, including fire plans.

Kris Clark announces next month's speakers. They discuss drinking water education and wastewater. Kris thinks that they could put together a presentation regarding this.

Motion is made by James Hinkle and seconded by Tom Mullen to adjourn.

Vote:

All in favor

### **Exhibits**

Exhibit A = Martin Wunderly PowerPoint – LAPC file 04-08-13

Exhibit B = Drew McManus PowerPoint – LAPC file 04-08-13

Exhibit C = LAPC Draft Minutes of March11, 2013

Exhibit D = Email from Deb Krau dated 04-26-13