

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 27, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 6:42pm

Monthly meeting

Yarmouth Town Hall, Community Room

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.

Committee members 2018:

Karen Massey (2018)

Mary Webber (2018), temp. Chairperson

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019)

Jay Waterman (2019), excused

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Vacancy (2020)

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison, excused

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Welcome & Introductions

- Call to Order, 6:02pm by Mary Webber (acting Chairperson)
 - Introductions and welcome for guests and members
 - Acceptance of June 6th's Minutes
 - Motion by Karen Massey, 2nd by Mary Thorp / unanimously accepted
 - Karyn provided an update on Parks Specialist's hiring deadline and applications
- Karyn updated PLC on the purchase of the Klenda property, 11-12 acres adjacent to Frank Knight Forest
- Riverfront Woods Preserve CE Draft discussion
 - Karyn updated PLC the LMF is reviewing the title and deeds
 - The land appraisal and review came back this week.
 - Nat has requested some \$ from RRCT to help with legal fees.
 - There is interest on mobility issues on the parcel.
 - A reminder that a Management Plan needs to be in place soon after the actual purchase (approx. 6 months)
- Lisa Small provided an update on the Open Space sub group
 - Spent time talking about interstitial green space. Looking for a "demo." They have a draft outline.
- Karyn provided an update that Brown Tail Moth/Caterpillar seems to be everywhere. It is a big problem in town. Regional conversations are happening, and local town managers are trying to get help from the state. Possibly a public health risk declaration.
- RRP improvements update – the handicapped parking area is now available next to the picnic area at RRP. Need to publicize this increase in park accessibility.
- Tim Shannon is our new Council liaison. Mary W. will welcome him via email and share the work plan with him. We are still waiting to hear about the vacant PLC position.

If time allows:

- Projects to be considered in 2018
- Additional discussion topics
 - Y-Fire-Rescue, DPW, and YCS are working with FEMA regarding the October 2017 storm damage to the numerous areas in town.
 - Lisa was concerned that the Town is considering only architectural standards in planning/zones and not landscape standards and green spaces.
- It was determined to move the August meeting to August 8, 2018, due to low numbers and Karyn being at a special event.
- At 6:42pm: Motion to Adjourn made by Karen M, 2nd by Mary Thorp. Unanimously accepted.