

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee**MEETING AGENDA****Date: July 1, 2020****Time: 6:00-7:30pm****RE: Monthly meeting****OnLine - GoToMeeting**

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 2020:

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Ebrahim Fazeli (2020)

Karen Massey (2021)

Jay Waterman (2021), Chair

Mary Webber (2021)

Lisa Small (2022)

Mary Thorp (2022), excused

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison

AGENDA

- 6:02pm - Call to Order
 - Unanimous acceptance of June 3, 2020 Minutes; motion made by Mary with changes, 2nd by Eb.
- Water access, as it pertains to Alan Stearns' email re: implementation of the Open Space Plan
 - Karyn mentioned the parking signs conflicting with the expectation of uses by general public through RRCT
 - Karyn also mentioned the proposal set forth by Harbor and Waterfront Committee to the Town Council regarding eliminating recreational uses of the docks for sunbathing, fishing, crabbing, and other leisurely uses. The docks would be reserved for only mooring holders, commercial fishermen, etc. Discussion brought about many comments:
 - Eb: past uses have not appeared to be as tense
 - Tim: would like to see peaceful coexistence via rules that reflect a philosophy of uses
 - Mary W: maybe there could there be a move to push this off the Council's agenda to allow for more discussion
 - Lisa: this is an example where a standard sign type would be nice to see explain clear rules for uses
 - Karen: Alan's ask is what we have done to implement Open Space Plan.
 - It was asked to set up a meeting between PLC and Harbor and Waterfront Committee to discuss the commercial, recreational, and mooring holder needs at Madeleine Point.
 - Tim will report the PLC concerns at the TC meeting on July 9, regarding losing recreational rights at Madeleine Point
 - Jay mentioned to add water access to future agendas and possibly the Work Plan
- Updates on projects, planning board meeting, conversations, etc.
 - Erik updated the committee on Riverfront Woods projects and his proposal going to Planning Board on 7/8/2020, Village Run path and the HOA's volunteers who are helping him build the path, Fieldstone to McKearney path to be coming up soon in late July, and additional work groups scheduled with RRCT's trail groups and other neighborhood volunteer networks.
- Tree conversation
 - Lisa updated the PLC on the concerns of not having a Tree Committee in Yarmouth. She requested that PLC help take on some of this role and also helping to hire a Tree Warden to replace the one who just resigned.

- Lisa reported that a few residents have concerns over the trees planted along Hillside St and that Ed Ashely has taken it upon himself to contact the other local towns to see their needs (NY, Cumb., Freeport, and Falmouth)
- Karen suggested possibly talking with Tom Reinsborough who might have an interest
- Logo Contest discussion
 - A short presentation of the final logos and a request for a motion to accept the selection made by the judges and sub committee
 - Unanimously accepted after a Motion made by Karen, 2nd by Jay.
- 7:24pm: Karen Massey made a Motion to adjourn Adjourn, 2nd by Mary Webber. Unanimously accepted.

Important upcoming dates (possible agenda items)

- **8/5/2020 – PLC Monthly meeting**
- **9/2/2020 – PLC Monthly meeting**
- **Reschedule 4/29/2020 – Coop. meeting with PB**
 - **Agenda items needed**
- **To schedule a meeting – Coop. meeting with Harbor and Waterfront Committee**
- **To schedule a discussion with Nat for public access to open spaces, CIP planning, etc.**