

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: September 5, 2018

Time: 6:00 – 8:12 pm

Monthly meeting

Community Room Town Hall

Chair: Jay Waterman

Committee members 2018:

Karen Massey (2018)

Mary Webber (2018)

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019)

Jay Waterman (2018)

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Vacancy (2020)

Notes taken by: Mary Webber

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Alex Jaegerman, Planning Director

Sarah Witte, Landscape Architect

Alan Stearns, RRCT Exec. Dir.

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison (Absent)

* Call to Order, 6:00 pm

1) As there were no guests, moved to agenda.

2) Motion by Karen, 2nd, Richard to accept August 8 minutes. Review June 27th minutes for next meeting

3) Welcome Park Specialist, Erik Donohoe. Busy first week for Erik, meeting dept. heads, getting to know sites and issues, general immersion

4) Village Green – Sarah reviewed property history, landscape and use proposals for site, overlapping multiple stakeholders, convoluted easements detailed. Parts of site under federal encumbrance, 6F designation. Discussion of “conversion” or “partial conversion” whereby another piece of Yarmouth land of equal value must be converted to “recreational use.”

Broad Cove Woods – Alex introduced proposed 7-lot subdivision bounded by Lafayette St., and Gilman Road which will go to the Planning Board as conceptual presentation, 9/12. Much discussion of habitat value of site, P&L’s role in advocating for designated Open Space to be included. Richard - with only 7 lots, there will be substantial private open space. Alex to check with sellers as to covenants, easements, etc. that may be deeded with lots.

5) Village Run trail/path – up to YCS to figure out paths

Maggie May trail/path – not much happening, developer supposed to be laying out

6) Riverfront Woods Preserve – Alan detailed his 3 greatest concerns: 1. a management plan – must get going on this, should include all 3 parcels (Riverfront, Barker and access piece) ; 2. budget for boardwalks, RR crossing, not just who pays, but when; and, 3. getting ready for closing, Nat will finalize the CE.

Alan also discussed the school wetlands work if the school bond issue is passed, the remediation offset money expected, how to retain same for Yarmouth, and how little wetlands remain in town. Also touched on McGuire property availability.

7) Open Space Task Force – no updates

9) Brown Tail Moth/Caterpillar –deleted from agenda

10) Vacant P&L – Jay and Mary’s terms expire in December, both have been asked to serve further 3 year terms. Four candidates have submitted papers to the appointments sub-committee of Town Council. Jay will contact Tim Shannon to see where this stands and whether Tim will be the council liaison

11) Work Plan for Town Council

Jay will check with Tim Shannon on where this stands too.

12) Motion to adjourn, Mary W., seconded by Mary T. Unanimous. Adjourned at 8:12