

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 3, 2017

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

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.

Chair:

Notes taken by:

Committee members 2017:

Tony Cowles, Mary Webber, Mary Thorp, Beth Sturtevant

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS

Timi Carter, guest

Excused: Jamie Carter, Jay Waterman

MINUTES

- 6:05pm: Call meeting to order, Tony Cowles
- Meeting Minutes from April 5, 2017: Mary W made a motion to accept as written, 2nd by Beth
 - Unanimously accepted.
- Paper Streets – A quick update on the status of Town Council’s discussions on Paper Streets
- Recreational Easements – a quick update on recreational easements was provided by Karyn, with a list of such areas that would be deemed a public way and boundary markers (e.g.-ordered for Tinker to be placed upon their arrival)
- Camp SOCI Management Plan introduction – this discussion will continue under the direction of Jamie Carter. He has begun compiling previously researched information (by Ed Ashley and Josh Royte) and will propose a process to PLC at a future meeting.
 - Karyn updated the committee on the interest by some residents to be part of the process. She recommends developing a list similar to the one used for PBP to reach interested residents. Also, it is recommended that this committee hold a couple public meetings to discuss this parcel and any other portions of the management plan over the next few months.
- Open Space property updates
 - Projects
 - Latchstring Park – Tony and Andrew Gabrielson (Town Gardener and Tree Warden) met to discuss options for redesign and renovation to this intersection.
 - Tinker Preserve – surfacing on the pathways, regrading the road and parking lot TBD.
 - Plans
 - Tinker Management Plan – PLC reviewed and made changes to the 2015 Tinker Plan from discussions and public meeting held in the fall. Karyn will update the changes and send a proposal to Town Council for their approval and to generate a discussion at future TC meeting(s). The draft to be submitted was moved by Tony, 2nd by Mary W, and unanimously approved. Karyn will send this draft to the small list of interested residents as well as the CILJIA president, Susie Kendeigh.

- Pratt's Brook Plan – Tony and Karyn will work on providing a PBP draft with changes to the Town Council. These changes are based on the numerous public meetings and will be sent along to the Town Council for public approval and acceptance.
 - Etc.
- Sub-Committee Reports
 - Land Acquisition
 - The LA subcommittee will reconvene as information is passed along to them.
 - PBP Signage
 - You are Here signs are being ordered. Wayfinding signs are ready to be installed. Kyle will take the lead on this project, and be supported by Andy Mazer for installation.
 - Planning Board representation
 - Open Space Plan conversation
 - Requested that we receive a price from Beth Della Valle or a direction from where to begin and how to plan accordingly for the CIP budget.
 - Karyn had a chance to speak with Alex, and at our June meeting will bring information to the PLC for the future of developing goals, guidelines, expectations, a working plan, and ultimately an RFP
 - Tinker Management Plan review
- CIP budget was discussed in the hopes that an Open Space line will be incorporated.
- 7:10pm: Motion to Adjourn by May Webber, 2nd by Beth Sturtevant.

Important dates upcoming

- 6/7/2017 – PLC Meeting**
- 7/5/2017 – PLC Meeting**
- 8/2/2017 – PLC Meeting**