

**Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** January 4, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00 pm

**Monthly meeting and Annual Planning 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:** Karyn MacNeill

**Committee members 2017:**

Jay Waterman, Mary Thorp, Mary Webber  
Andy Mazer, Tony Cowles, Jamie Carter

**Town Council, Staff & Guests:**

David Craig, Kyle Warren, Karyn MacNeill

**AGENDA**

**Welcome & Introductions**

- Introductions and welcome for guests and members
  - Guests:
    - CPIC mbrs: Ed Ashley and Lynne Seeley
    - Emily Parker – trained hunting enthusiast and specialist
- 6:10-6:30pm – Guest: Emily Parker
  - Hunting in Open Spaces/Parks
    - Emily reviewed hunting regs in Yarmouth, including details regarding being 100 feet from dwellings/buildings without permission and 10 feet from paved way or right of way
    - Optimum time for hinting is going to be 30 minutes before and after sunrise/sunset
    - FREE signage provided by the IF&W re: ACTIVE HUNTING AREA, or SAFETY ZONE
    - Questions/answers:
      - Emily answered questions regarding if the Warden Service enforces town hunting ordinances, how often there are hunting accidents with bow/arrow, what policy would she recommend in PBP, if an informational article would be beneficial, posting opps where there is NO hunting in parks on Sundays, if hunters travel between the FKF and PBP, if/how does hunting affect tick control, and do/would we have a healthy deer population without hunting in PBP?
    - One non-resident public comment by Bill Hoyt from Kodiak, Alaska recommends that PLC take into consideration the historical and ecological factors that surround property management.
- 6:30-6:50pm – Guests: Ed Ashley and Lynne Seeley
  - CPIC Review and Update
    - Ed and Lynne provided a history of the CPIC and Comp Plan.
    - Jamie recommended that the CP should and could be used to help promote PLC goals and agendas for future where it hasn't been referenced since Ed left committee.
    - Lynne commented that an Open Space Plan is one thing that is missing from Yarmouth's planning components.

- Jay asked and wondered if PLC should be working toward one?
  - Ed reminded that PLC and other committees should use the CP as guidance, not policy.
  - An official re-write of PLC goals/tasks is not in the works now, but could be in the next iteration.
- 6:50-7:00pm – Stretch / Fill-up a dinner plate
- 7:00-9:00pm – Annual goal setting
- Guest: Donna Felker joined the group and participated in numerous conversations ☺
  - Liaisons:
    - Planning Board – monthly attendance to swap around among members
      - Jay will create a document to share regarding public meetings such as PB and Town Council with PLC rep who will attend.
    - WST-BP-Comm Garden – continue with ongoing and regular communication and interaction with these committees.
  - Finish and install and update:
    - PBP signage
    - Removing old and unused signs/equipment
    - You are here markers
    - Maps/kiosks
  - PBP Management plan
  - Tinker:
    - Management plan redo-corrections
    - Trail path maintenance
  - Projects to be completed:
    - Oakwood Loop
    - Sledding Hill monitoring
    - Sandy Point Beach path
    - FKF Boardwalks
    - SFEP Boardwalks and Bird Blind
    - Benches and Picnic tables throughout parks and consistency
  - Camp SOCI Management Plan
  - Connectivity and signage
  - Yarmouth History Center launch improvements
  - Paper Streets recreation easements follow-up
  - Land Acquisition draft for criteria for CIP and Town Council guidance
  - Open Space Plan conversation
    - How to approach it: scope of work / CPIC conversation / involvement of other committees
- 8:59pm Adjourn

**Important dates upcoming**

**2/1/2017 – PLC Meeting**

**3/1/2017 – PLC Meeting**

**4/5/2017 – PLC Meeting**