

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 6, 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: Tony Cowles

Notes taken by: K-MacNeill

Committee members 2017:

Present: Mary Webber, Mary Thorp, Tony Cowles, Beth Sturtevant
Excused: Jay Waterman, Jamie Carter, Karen Massey, David Craig

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Welcome & Introductions

- 6:05pm - **Call to Order** by Tony Cowles
- **Introductions and welcome**
- **Acceptance of previous months' Minutes**, as necessary
 - A motion to accept the August 2, 2017 minutes was made by Beth Sturtevant
 - 2nd by Mary Thorp, and approved unanimously
- Beth Sturtevant provided an update on **Open Space Acquisition**, Dugas Property/Riverfront Woods
- Karyn MacNeill provided an update on a conversation regarding **Comprehensive Plan** and her suggestions
- **Tinker Preserve/Pratt's Brook Park Management Plan** meeting prep
 - Tony will take the lead on the presentation
 - Karyn will provide a Power Point presentation for a guide, based on Tony's property summaries
- **Capital Improvement Budget** discussion
 - Due next week. Based on last year's 10-yr plan
 - Must at least include Open Space Plan, Water Access, increased Trail Maintenance
- **Miscellaneous Reports**, as needed
 - **Hunting signs**, as discussed in PBP – at the printer, will soon be posted for Oct. 1
 - **Land Acquisition** – no additional conversation
 - **PBP Signage** – will be posted soon. Waiting on order for broken RTV to come in. ☹️
 - **Planning Board** representation – Mary Webber updated the PLC that PB will be discussing contract zoning changes for 2 properties, among many other things. Please refer to Google Doc for PB and other meeting schedules.
 - **Open Space Plan conversation** – no additional conversation
- 7:45pm, Mary Webber made a motion to **Adjourn**
 - 2nd by Mary Thorp, unanimously approved.

Important dates upcoming

9/7/2017 – Town Council Meeting, Management Plans

9/21/2017 – Town Council Meeting, Management Plans

10/4/2017 – PLC Monthly meeting

11/1/2017 – PLC Monthly meeting