

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 2, 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
Jamie Carter
Mary Thorp
Beth Sturtevant

Excused: Jay Waterman, Mary Webber

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Timi Carter
Ed Ashley
Alan Stearns, RRCT
David Craig, Town Council Liaison
Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

- 6:02pm, Meeting called to order by Tony Cowles, Chair PLC
- Introductions and welcome for guests and members
- RRCT – Alan Stearns, discussion on Open Space Acquisition
 - Please note: there is a separate fundraising committee, separate from Town PLC
 - Please contact Alan or Beth if interested in helping
 - Plans for contacting CMP – Beth will contact CMP rep to discuss future work/remediation/etc
 - Google doc link open for all to follow work and information sharing
 - LMF letters of support can be directed to Town Council, but saved to be ready for use
 - Campaign budget now includes \$ for instant stewardship when property is publicly available
 - Up and coming tours – contact Alan
- Comp Plan – Ed Ashley, representative of CPIC and open space topics re: Comp Plan
 - Council requested CPIC to bring the scope back to the “village”
 - There are implications regarding PLC if scenic vistas are removed, open space classified portions of properties, etc.
 - Check out and review online draft and comment soon!
- Approval of June 2016 minutes: Beth motion to approve, 2nd by Mary Thorp – Karyn will change spelling of Mary Thorp’s name. Unanimously approved.
- Camp SOCI Management Plan introduction, outline work to be completed, assign tasks
 - Jamie – tasks still need to be identified and sorted
- Pratt’s Brook Park and Tinker Preserve Management Plans
 - Both are being presented on 9/7/2017, please show support
 - Tony will lead on PBP – looking for lead on Tinker
 - Will discuss how to present these on 9/6/2017 mtg
- Miscellaneous Reports, as needed

- Hunting signs, as discussed in PBP – newly created signs for PBP hunting warnings will be up this fall. Karyn and Jen Doten, Town Clerk, will review and present changes to Council for consideration regarding ALL properties where hunting is regulated
- PBP Signage – will be worked on with a staff person and hopefully Andy Mazer
- Open Space Plan conversation – schedule a sub committee of Jay, Jamie, Tony, Mary Webber, and Karyn to meet with Alex Jaegerman and others.
- Addition to tonight’s agenda: PBP recent trail hardening on Racoon Trail
 - Beth brought questions to PLC:
 - Why gravel? Why so wide? Why no mulch? What process should PLC have in trail management and maintenance?
 - Karyn reported that a similar process with vehicles for maintenance and material used is no different. This time, superhumas was not used out of budgetary considerations and that it typically wears out within one year anyhow.
 - Beth will look into the PBP Mngment plan and report back
- 7:28pm – Motion to Adjourn by Beth Sturtevant, 2nd by Mary Thorp – unanimously approved.

Important dates upcoming

Aug 4 – Movie in the Park! “*The Neverending Story*”

Aug 18 – Movie in the Park! “*Minions*”

9/6/2017 – PLC Meeting

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

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

October 1 – hunting in parks begins in Yarmouth

October 1 – look out for Riverboat Preserve fundraising/friend-raising gathering

Nov 1 – first day of season for dogs on Sandy Point Beach