

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 6, 2016

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 pm

RRCT Offices, Suite 1, 325 Main Street

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: Larry Lindgren (2016)

Committee members 2016:

Beth Sturtevant, Fmr chair (excused)

Mary Webber

Andrew Mazer

Jamie Carter

Jay Waterman

Tony Cowles

Minutes drafted by: Kyle Warren

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

David Craig, YTC

Dick Grimm

Sharon McHold

Kyle Warren, YCS staff

Meeting Purpose:

- Introductions of new members and guests
- Review of management plan strategies
- Dog ordinance reminders
- Goal setting for 2016

Desired Outcomes:

- Recruit new members and update new members
- Decide on management plan schedule and process
- Set obtainable and measurable goals for 2016

Wednesday evening, in Yarmouth on 1/6/16 at 6pm, at the offices of RRCT, 325 Main St. Suite 1

MINUTES

Welcome & Introductions

- Introductions and welcome for guests and members
Roundtable introduction- Jay Waterman & Mary Webber introduced their community conservation goals and passions
- October & November Minutes- approved and accepted by those attending those meetings and present to vote

Pratts Brook Park Management Planning

- The most current version is from January, 2000
- The PLC agrees that historic, current and future use demand an opportunity to revise the v.2000 document
- A public informational meeting will be hosted toward the end of February 2016 to gather public comment on current use, user conflict and unrealized potential.
- An invitation will be developed, introducing some of the reasons (bikes, dogs, hunting, etc) to revisit management goals for this property
- Goal for management plan revision- 12/31/2016

Katherine Tinker Preserve-Management Plan

- TNC noted nerdy/important legal relationship language revisions
- YTC will vote to adopt this document at an early 2016 meeting

Grant Opportunities / Project Planning / Application – Tabled

GIS Update

- Green Infrastructure Planning & acquisition mapping project will be ready beta test with the PLC at an early 2016 meeting

Notes & Projects Parking-Lot, Launch-Pad

- Camp SoCl management planning
- Royal River Park management planning
- Committee members should bring a passion project to the table of the 2/3/16 meeting

- Sligo Road Trail improvements and management planning
- Signage improvements and consistent branding town wide
- YCS and Parks & Lands Committee website improvements would benefit users

Important dates upcoming

2/03/2016- Wednesday 6pm Parks & Lands Committee Meeting, Town Hall Community Room

2/21/2016- Sunday 6-8pm FULL MOON SHOESHOE WALK Spear farm (LL Lead)

3/02/2016- Wednesday 6pm Parks & Lands Committee Meeting, Town Hall Community Room

04/06/2016- Wednesday 6pm Parks & Lands Committee Meeting, Town Hall Community Room

04/16/2016-Saturday 9am -12 Work day at Spear Farm

05/07/2016-Saturday 9:30am Annual Spring Fling Royal River Canoe paddle meet at YHC convoy and depart Rt 9 launch in N. Yarmouth approx 3 hours trip time.

Summer 2016- TBD Kayak tour of Lanes Island