



Town of Sturbridge
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Public Lands Advisory Committee (PLAC)

Minutes of May 26, 2011, PLAC Meeting

Attendance:

Member in attendance: Dick LaFranchise (Chairman), Randy Redetzke (Trails Committee)
Dave Barnicle (Conservation Commission), Don Miller (Secretary), Randy Ellithorpe (Open Space Committee),
Tom Creamer (BOS) – left at 8:30pm

Members Absent: Dale Favreau

Guests: Richard Paradise (Trails Committee)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by D. LaFranchise, Chairman, at 6:35 PM

Quorum check: 6 members present = quorum.

Approval of minutes of prior meetings:

March 26, 2011, PLAC meeting minutes

**Motion to approve as amended – made, seconded, approved DBarnicle, RLaFranchise, REllithorpe, DMiller
Abstained: TCreamer, RRedetzke

Old Business:

1. Review of land donations, offerings, etc (recurring item)
 - a. None at this time.
2. Finance Director listing of land in process of being taken by the Town due to non-payment of taxes –
 - a. No listing from Finance Director at this time.
3. PLAC information page on town web site
The information provided by D. Miller to S. Suhoski on March 7, 2011, regarding PLAC member names and contact information, a concise version of the PLAC mission statement, and the 2010 PLAC annual report is now included in the Town's web site.

The town web site also includes a link to the approved minutes of PLAC meeting held from May, 2010, thru February, 2011.

4. Boundary marking of land (recurring item)
 - R. Redetzke is continuing to mark boundaries of the River Lands.
5. PLAC mission statement section 1 action plan:
 - Nothing done to date. Need to re-schedule meeting.
6. Removal of Town signs inadvertently placed on private property
 - T. Creamer has removed most of these signs, he will remove the (approximately) three signs yet to be removed.

7. Action Items from Conservation Commission

None

8. Action items from Open Space Committee

None

9. Action items from Recreation Trails Master Plan Steering Committee

None

10. Action items from Trails Committee

None

New Business:

1. A long discussion of possible options for active recreation fields.

**Motion made, seconded, unanimously approved for the PLAC Chairman to invite a representative of the Recreation Committee to attend a PLAC meeting to explain and discuss active recreation field needs.

2. Trials Committee activity update

R. Redetzke informed PLAC of current Trails Committee activities and plans

3. D. Barnicle suggested that PLAC should take actions to locate volunteers who would search for grants that would benefit various Town committees. Interested persons would contact R. LaFranchise, PLAC Chairman, to obtain complete information on requirements, objectives, working arrangements, etc.

**Motion made, seconded unanimously approved to take actions to locate volunteers to search for grants that would benefit various Town committees.

Note: actions to find volunteers may include a notice on the public access channel, notices in local media, notice at the Senior Center, etc.

4. ** Motion to adjourn made, seconded, unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2011

Documents used in this meeting:

1. Agenda for May 26, 2011, meeting
2. PLAC meeting attendance record
3. Draft minutes of March 24, 2011, meeting
4. Open Space map

Don Miller, Secretary
June 1, 2011

Note: minutes approved at June 23, 2011, meeting