

Sturbridge Public Lands Advisory Committee

Minutes of June 24, 2010, PLAC Meeting

Attendance:

PLAC Members in Attendance: Dick LaFranchise – Vice Chairman
Randy Ellithorpe, Dale Favreau, Tom Creamer
Don Miller – Secretary

PLAC members absent: Tom Chamberland – Chairman, David Barnicle

Guests in attendance: Randy Redetzke – Trails Committee

1. Proposed PLAC mission statement to be presented for approval to the BOS not later than September, 2010

After considerable discussion the following proposed mission statement was voted upon:

1. Inventory and maintain a complete list of public lands owned by the Town of Sturbridge, to include:
 1. deed description
 2. acquisition details
 3. covenants
 4. easements
 5. soil types
 6. forest cover
 7. wetland information
 8. historical information
 9. any other information pertinent to the parcel including but not limited to the relationship of the parcel to:
 - a) Town and regional water resources
 - b) Town and regional living waters
 - c) Town and regional biocore habitat continuity
 - d) Town and regional scenic resources
 - e) Town and regional trail networks
 - f) Continuity of Town and regional protected lands
2. As requested by the public lands's governing entity and/or Town Administrator review, research and recommend policies on the use of public lands owned by the Town of Sturbridge.
3. As requested by the public land's governing entity review requests for the use of public lands and provide recommendations based on applicable policies to the public land's governing entity.
4. Recommend a Priority Use List (PUL) for parcels owned by the Town of Sturbridge to the public land's governing entity and Town Administrator.
5. Provide recommendations as requested by the Town Administrator relative to the assignment of Care and Custody for those open space parcels to be acquired by the Town with due care afforded to conservation related issues that merit review by the Conservation Commission prior to final care and custody recommendation by the PLAC.

6. Working with the Open Space Committee, the Community Preservation Committee, and other Boards/Committees as appropriate recommend/advise on parcels being considered for potential acquisition by the Town of Sturbridge.
7. Provide recommendations to the Town Administrator on the disposition of public land that may bear greater value as non-public land.

Motion to Approve proposed mission statement

Vote: All in favor

2. PLAC membership

The following proposed seven (7) member PLAC membership was voted upon:

1. One member from the Board of Selectmen
2. One member from the Conservation Commission
3. One member from the Trails Committee
4. One member from the Open Space Committee
5. Three residents at large

Motion to Approve proposed PLAC membership

Vote: All in favor

>>Action: Either Tom Chamberland, Chairman, or Dick LaFranchise, Co-Chairman, will inform the Town Administrator of the need to expand the membership of PLAC

4. Forestry cutting plan on Leadmine Mt.; Adopt-A-Trail request of B. Brier

The Conservation Agent had contacted Tom Chamberland with a request that these two items be added to the PLAC meeting agenda and to advise her of any PLAC comments, input, etc. However, since T. Chamberland was not at this PLAC meeting to explain these two items they were not able to be discussed at this time.

Note: These items will be included in the agenda of the July PLAC meeting.

>> Action: D. LaFranchise will inform the Conservation Agent that these two items were not discussed during the June 24 PLAC meeting due to lack of information.

5. Approve minutes of May 27, 2010, PLAC meeting

There were not enough PLAC members at this meeting who also attended the May 27 meeting have a vote.

Note: Will be included in the agenda of the July PLAC meeting.