

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014
HEARING ROOM 3, 2nd FLOOR at 7 pm
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL
MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order at 7:09 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), Tom Whalen (TW), Sue MacCallum (SM), Bob Shaughnessy (BS) and Al Mello (AM) were present. Bill Ivey (BI) and Chris Ciocca (CC) absent.

Residents Barney Dowd, Frank Hayes and Jack White from the Veterans committee were also present.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for February 20, 2014.

The members reviewed a synopsis on the “Open Space – fiscal year” for the Town Annual report that KO put together.

Updates on current properties were discussed.

- South River Park
 - KO talked to Paul Halkiotis to find out the status of the park and shade shelter. There is an issue with the shade shelter, some issues have been corrected and some haven’t. The manufacturer of the shade shelter needs to come back and fix things so that they are in compliance with building codes. Shade shelter is not signed off on. TW indicated that it had to meet the 110 mph wind law. Some kind of hurricane clips are needed.
 - BS indicated that an inspection will probably be required before final payment.
 - Veteran’s committee members indicated they wanted to know what was being done to maintain the South River Park.
 - BS indicated that DPW will be asking for 3 additional positions for “trees and greens” because they have ball fields and cemeteries that they cannot maintain

besides this park. Going to the selectmen with the GALE report for all the ball fields, because we should not be buying fields we cannot maintain. GALE Associates produced a report inventorying the needs for all ball fields in the town that included a solid maintenance plan with budgetary numbers.

- GALE report was just for ball fields, but DPW will be looking at everything, including parks and cemeteries as well as ball fields.
- Veterans believe that DPW should present at town meeting a chart indicating how little the town has spent on maintenance of town land.

Veterans left the meeting at 7:52 pm

- Pratt
 - KO went to CPC meeting and presented proposal for trails for Pratt area.
 - KO had to modify the application to include only engineering costs for design and permitting of a parking area, walking trail, bridges and canoe/ kayak launch.
 - TW indicated that the kayak launch may need to be down behind CVS.
 - KO will include engineering proposal for CPC.
 - KO would like Open Space to make a recommendation about the building. Selectmen most likely are not going to support putting any money into the house.
 - Open Space members would like to know if the Selectmen have plans for the buildings.
- Holly Road
 - The planned Wildlands Trust walk with their land use committee did not happen. It has been rescheduled for January 22 weather permitting.

- Salvetti
 - KO talked to Town Counsel Bob Galvin about CR for this property. Town Counsel indicated to KO that he was checking to see what other properties need CRs.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted at 8:38 pm to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session, for real property discussion because discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the Committee's negotiating position with a roll call vote: KO yes, SM yes, BS yes, TW yes and AM yes.

Submitted by: Al Mello

Annual Report Synopsis