

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015

HEARING RM. 3, 2ND FLOOR at 7:30 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

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A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee ("the Committee") was called to order at 7:33 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), members Vicki McPherson (VM), Sue MacCallum (SM), Chad Haitsma (CH) and Tom Whalen (TW) were present. Bob Shaughnessy (BS), Michael Biviano (MB) and Chris Ciocca (CC) were absent.

The regular and executive session minutes of April 16, 2015 were reviewed. Approval of the minutes was tabled until a majority of the Committee members who attended the meeting were present.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for June 18, 2015.

Updates on current properties were discussed.

- Holly Road
 - KO reported that Merrill was performing the stakeout work on the property and should be finished by the end of next week. CH asked why the property was being separated as it is. There was a discussion of the purchase and the delineation for the CR. DPW wanted control of the portion closest to the Church Street wellhead and Conservation wanted the certified vernal pools protected by the CR.
- Archer
 - KO reported on the progress of the project. CH asked about existing trails and who would be maintaining the property. Purchasing the parcel with CPA funds requires that a CR be put on. The DWSP Grant requires that the land be held under the care and custody of the DPW Water Dept. VM indicated that she would like to be involved in any trail work. TW commented that trail work is difficult and that we need a better volunteer network to help create and maintain trails.
- Pratt
 - KO discussed the need to file for a variance with the Architectural Access Board (AAB) for the bridges and stairs proposed for the project. Pat Brennan has prepared an application for Rocco's review and signature. SM stated that the Board has been reasonable in reviewing Audubon projects. KO indicated that we will need to carve out a building envelope before Wildlands Trust can move forward with a CR. Their Lands Committee has walked the property but they have not made any recommendation to their Board about holding the

CR. A discussion ensued on surveying the property. TW said he had gone to Jay and before the BOS with a plan to separate out a building envelope and 1.75 acres. He suggested that Amory Engineers should be able to do the survey. SM stated that an accredited land trust must hold the CR and that they will want to have a survey in order to know what they are monitoring.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There was a continuation of the discussion from the April meeting regarding the make-up of the Committee and whether we should be 7 or 9 members, do we need to have representatives from Assessors and Recreation and should we do more with sub-committees. Members were in favor of keeping 9 members but would like to ask the BOS to consider the possibility of changing the Assessor and Recreation positions to at-large. It was decided that sub-committees at this point would not work well for this Committee.

OSRP Review

There was a general discussion of beginning the process to update the OSRP. KO will contact former Chair, Susan Caron, for advice on how to move forward with the update. It is possible to request CPA funds for any necessary consultants to assist.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS

There was a continuation of discussion of the status of CRs on Holly Road, Archer, Salvetti, Pratt, Maryland Street and Bennett.

KO made a motion at 8:45 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. TW seconded. Roll call vote: VM yes, SM yes, CH yes, TW yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell