

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

HEARING ROOM 2, 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 7:06 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), members Chad Haitsma (CH), Sue MacCallum (SM) and Vicki McPherson (VM) were present. Bob Shaughnessy (BS) and Chris Ciocca (CC) were absent.

Also present were Greg Guimond, Town Planner, Bill Grafton, Conservation Administrator, and Nate Kelly and Krista Moravec, representatives from Horsley Witten (HW).

The Committee reviewed regular session minutes for February 13, 2017. KO made a motion to accept the regular session minutes for February 13, 2017 as written. Seconded by CH. CH, VM, SM and KO voted to accept.

Greg provided notebooks to members with copies of sections 2-5 of the 2010 OSRP. For discussion purposes, Nate and Krista provided a handout to assist with the preliminary review of the Plan and Data Collection Assignments for Sections 2 through 5. Each section was discussed noting the level of revision needed. Revisions were assigned to HW and/or the Committee with potential data sources. Greg, Bill and the Committee directed HW to staff, reports, studies and members of other committees that would be helpful in data collection and information unique to Marshfield.

Next came a discussion of the Public Workshop run by HW. It was decided to schedule the workshop for March 30th. KO will research and reserve an appropriate venue. The Senior Center was mentioned as a possible choice. Krista suggested a short presentation and small discussion groups of 8-10 per group with a facilitator assisting. It should run approximately 2 hours (6:30-8:30). After further discussion, it was decided to provide coffee and refreshments for attendees. Nate suggested engaging younger people in the discussion (Summit group, youth groups, Boys & Girls club etc.) It should be well publicized.

Suggestions: Save the Date email, Reverse Tweet by police, website, newspapers, Facebook, etc. HW will provide a flyer and press release.

The next meeting date was set for March 15th.

A suggestion was made to create a working group that may be able to meet outside of scheduled Committee meetings.

Nate, Krista, Greg and Bill all left the meeting.

KO reported that the Community Preservation Committee had voted William Last, Jr. as their representative to Open Space. Discussion ensued by members present about a possible conflict of interest. Mr. Last works for a local developer and it was the opinion of the Committee that a possible conflict of interest or, at the very least, the perception of a conflict exists with his appointment. It was noted that Mr. Last has a history with present and former members of the Committee that at times was confrontational. After discussion, KO made a motion that the Committee draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen voicing our concerns and opposition to Mr. Last's appointment. Second SM. Approved unanimously.

At 9:45 pm KO made a motion to enter 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. Seconded by SM. Roll call vote: SM yes, CH yes, VM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell