

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017

HEARING ROOM 3, 2ND FLOOR at 7:15 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order at 7:23 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Chris Ciocca (CC), Chad Haitsma (CH), Vicki McPherson (VM) and Kevin Cantwell (KC) were present. Sue MacCallum (SM) was absent.

There are were no minutes to review. The next meeting date was tentatively set for Thursday, September 21, 2017.

OSRP Update: KO reported that she had contacted Krista from Horsley Witten (HW) to get an update on the status of the OSRP and the ADA self-evaluation and transition plan. Gemma Kite, a representative of HW, has been out to all the sites and is preparing the draft evaluation and transition plans. Those drafts will be sent out to the Committee in the next few weeks. Krista will request a letter of support and endorsement from the Mass Area Planning Council (MAPC). We are also required to provide letters of support from the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. After discussion, the Committee agreed to send requests to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen for their support and endorsement. The Committee also decided to send requests for comment and support to the DPW, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, CPC, Agricultural Commission and the Historical Commission.

40B Developments: KO reported that the DPW’s position on this has changed since we discussed supporting their letter to ZBA with concerns about water supply. After discussion, the Committee decided not to take any action on this at this time and will continue to monitor the project. KO reported that Mr. Armstrong has appealed the ZBA decision on his 40B project to the State.

Pratt Property Improvements: Rocco has signed the change order for installation of bollards by Dandel. Pat is still planning the install of a step on the float at the kayak launch. The float can be stored at the

Marshfield Yacht Club. He has people who will help with that. With regard to float modifications, he would like to see if the step alleviates the accessibility issues at the float site before any changes to the flotation are discussed. He feels the float will last much longer if the wood superstructure is elevated and remains out of the water.

Handicap Parking: KO reported that Rep. Jim Cantwell, working with CVS and Greg Guimond, has secured a handicap parking space at the back of the CVS parking lot along with several parking spaces for access to the rail trail and kayak launch and new signage at Rte. 139 on land owned by CVS.

KO asked KC in his capacity as CPC Chair, if money left in the Pratt trail improvement account could be used to help with funding signage and to create ADA access (a switchback) from the handicap space to the rail trail. KC said yes.

Conservation Restrictions: KO reported that all CPA CRs have been approved and all but Pratt have been recorded. The Historical Commission has invoked the 1-year Historic Demolition By-Law which is holding up recording of the CR.

At 8 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 VM. Roll call vote: KC yes, CC yes, CH yes, VM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell