

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

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 7:26 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), members Sue MacCallum (SM), Kevin Cantwell (KC), Vicki McPherson (VM) and Chris Ciocca (CC) were present. Chad Haitsma (CH) was absent.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for December 7, 2017 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for December 7, 2017. Seconded by CC. The minutes were approved as written, by SM, VM, CC and KO. KC abstained.

Review of OS/CPA Account Balances:

The Committee reviewed current account balances. KO stated that there were no funds remaining in the Little, Messer and Bennett property accounts. All other property accounts were reviewed and discussed. It was decided to table further discussion until costs for trail signage at some properties has been determined. The Committee will revisit before fall special town meeting.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update: The Committee went through the OSRP inventory of conservation lands to address the State's request to expand the inventory to include columns on current use, condition, recreation potential, grants received and any conservation or agricultural preservation restrictions at each site. KO will forward the updated inventory to Krista at Horsley Witten. KO reported that all required letters of approval and an additional letter from the Conservation Commission had been received.

Old Business:

Pratt: KO reported that she had spoken briefly with Michael Maresco on the status of the Pratt property buildings. Mr. Maresco stated that there was nothing new to report. KC reported that it did not appear that the

CPC application to move the barn to the fairgrounds would go forward to Town Meeting without a decision from the Board of Selectmen.

Trail Signage: VM updated the Committee on kiosks and trail signage. She reported that she had met with Tom Greeland from Marshfield High School on the kiosks. The plans look great but are not finalized. She shared some details on the ongoing design. The Recreational Trail Committee (RTC) has received three proposals for graphic design and signage. They will hear presentations from two of the three at their meeting on January 24th. VM gave a more detailed description of the proposed signage noting framing, tamper resistant screws, fade resistant, whether they will be landscape or portrait and that the bottom rail would be high enough to allow for accumulation of snow. CC asked what information will be included on the signs. VM stated that the signage will be site/trail dependent but could be interpretive and/or include wayfinding, rules and trail mapping. SM stated that the more specific, the more the cost. VM mentioned that a photo, language and history brings more to the community. SM suggested balancing site specific with generic. VM also mentioned the use of a QR code. SM suggested using the QR code instead of interpretive signage that you may have to replace because of vandalism. She thought it would be a fabulous project for an intern. VM reported that a member of the RTC was completing a reimbursement grant application for trail improvements being offered by the DCR.

Next Meeting Date: After discussion, the next Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2018 at 7 pm.

At 9:33 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 KC. Roll call vote: CC yes, KC yes, SM yes, VM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell

Acquisition fund account balances
OSRP Inventory