

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018

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 7:05 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Kevin Cantwell (KC), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Chad Haitsma (CH) were present. Vicki McPherson (VM) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were absent.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for January 18, 2018 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for January 18, 2018. Seconded by CC. The minutes were approved as written, by KC, CC and KO. CH abstained.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update: The Committee reviewed and approved the latest iteration of the Town parcel inventory and the added action item related to building an inventory of recorded conservation restrictions on public and private lands. After discussion, the Committee approved the inventory and additional action item. KO will instruct Krista at Horsley Witten to file the OSRP update, appendices and letters of support with the Division of Conservation Services for final approval.

2018 Agenda Items: KO asked the Committee how they would like to address and prioritize the OSRP action items that identify the Committee as the lead. CH suggested setting quarterly goals, which was agreed upon by members present. CH also suggested having Horsley Witten provide the Committee with this information and the corresponding timeframe. KO stated that within the Year 1 timeframe, the Committee is the lead in monitoring and updating acquisition priority parcel lists for drinking water protection and for conserving habitat and biodiversity. KO and CH suggested using the Audubon mapping tool to help in that process. CC expressed a desire to become more educated on purchasing development rights as an alternative to a fee simple purchase. KO will inquire at Wildlands Trust to see if their land protection expert could come and speak to the Committee. CC

would also like to see the Committee develop a stronger Open Space protocol to be followed by the Committee into the future.

Old Business:

Pratt: KO reported that the balance in the Pratt improvement account had been reconciled. Remaining funds in the account will be used to complete the project with ADA parking and access to the rail trail and signage.

Trail Signage: Because VM was not present at the meeting, the Committee will look forward to her update at the next meeting.

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

At 7:33 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 CC. Roll call vote: CC yes, KC yes, CH yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell

OSRP Inventory