

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 7:20 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Chad Haitsma (CH), Chris Ciocca (CC), Vicki McPherson (VM) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were present. Kevin Cantwell (KC) was absent.

The Committee had extended an invitation to attend our executive session to Town Administrator, Michael Maresco, who was also present.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for October 11, 2018 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for October 11, 2018. Seconded by VM. The minutes were approved as written. CH abstained.

At 7:22 pm, a motion was made to enter executive session, returning 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, CH yes, VM yes, SM yes and KO yes.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 8:52 pm.

FY18 Annual Report: The Committee reviewed and approved the Open Space statement to be included in the Town Annual Report.

Open Space Policy and Planning: Now that the OSRP has been approved, it was suggested that the Committee conduct a review and update on the goals and objectives on a quarterly basis. CH agreed to organize and develop an agenda for the Committee to follow. KO reported that all existing Chapter 61A properties had refiled.

CPC Application: There was a discussion of the merits of the application and who would be responsible should we have to defend a CPA conservation restriction. KO had requested Town Counsel’s opinion on

whether this is an allowable use of CPA funds but had not received a response. KO reported that, after a discussion with the Town Administrator, it appeared to her that it would be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to defend the CR. After discussion, it was the consensus of the members present to pull the CPC application request for \$20,000 from consideration, if an opinion from Town Counsel was not received by December 1st.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2019.

At 9:08 pm, KO made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by CC. Unanimous vote in favor.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell