

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

SELECT BOARD HEARING RM., 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR at 7 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order by the Chairman, Susan Caron (SC) at 7:08 pm. Members, Chris Ciocca (CC), Steve Goodhue (SG) and Karen O’Donnell (KO) were present. Sue MacCallum (SM) and Craig C. Hannafin (CCH) were absent.

Minutes Review: SC made a motion to table approval of the regular session minutes for July 15, 2021 until the Committee’s next meeting. Seconded by SG. The motion was unanimously approved.

SC began a discussion of the Committee membership and officers. After discussion, SC made a motion to appoint KO as Clerk and reappoint CC as Vice Chair. Seconded by SG. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion of the Committee’s submission to the Town’s Annual Report for fiscal year 2021, prepared by KO and shared with Committee members for their review and comment. SC made a motion to accept the report as written. Seconded by CC. The motion was unanimously approved.

KO informed the Committee that the P&S on the Davidson parcel was in the signature phase with multiple owners. A conservation restriction will be needed if the acquisition is accepted at special town meeting.

KO requested the Committee discuss conservation restrictions, and SC agreed. SC informed the Committee about a STM article transferring land under the care and custody of the DPW to the Conservation Commission (ConCom) and the ongoing discussions in recent ConCom meetings concerning the protection offered under Article 97 versus the extra level of protection conservation restrictions held by non-town entities offer. A discussion ensued and KO suggested making an application to the CPC for funding conservation restrictions on the transferred mitigation land, should the ConCom vote to move forward

with that added protection. SC made a motion to make application to the CPC for funding conservation restrictions on the transferred mitigation land located off Old Mt. Skirgo and off Union Street. Seconded by CC. The motion was unanimously approved.

SC reported that, on behalf of the Committee, she had submitted an application to CPC for appraisal funds. The CPC has funded appraisals in the past with \$11,800 remaining in the account. The application requests \$30,000 additional funds for appraisals and, if necessary, preliminary 21E assessments on future potential acquisitions.

SC suggested that future meetings be scheduled on an “as needed” basis. All members present agreed.

At 7:45 pm, SC made a motion to enter executive session, not returning to regular session, for real property discussion because discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the Committee’s negotiating position. Second CC. Roll call vote: SC yes, CC yes, SG yes and KO yes.

**Submitted by  
Karen O’Donnell,  
Clerk**