

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

HEARING RM 2, 2ND 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 Chair, Susan Caron (SC) at 7:05 pm.

Members, Chris Ciocca (CC), Sue MacCallum (SM), Craig C. Hannafin (CCH), Steve Goodhue (SG) and Karen O'Donnell (KO) were present.

Minutes Review: SC made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for September 29, 2021. Seconded by SM. SC yes, CC yes, SM abstain, CCH abstain, SG yes and KO yes.

SC made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for November 4, 2021. Seconded by CCH. SC yes, CC abstain, SM yes, CCH yes, SG abstain and KO yes.

At 7:10 pm, SC made a motion to enter executive session, returning to regular open session, for real property discussion because discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the Committee's negotiating position. Second SM. Roll call vote: SC yes, CC yes, SM yes, CCH yes, SG yes and KO yes.

The Committee returned from executive session to regular open session at 8:20 pm. CC had exited the Committee meeting during the executive session.

SG updated the Committee on all the trail work being done by the Recreational Trails Committee (RTC). On the Bridle/Rail Trail, flashing crosswalks have been installed at the intersections with South River Street and Ferry Street. Trail work by the RTC continues on multiple parcels and work continues on signage and kiosks. There will be work to remove approximately 2-3' of a shoulder berm at South River Street to improve visibility for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. SC inquired about any plans the RTC may have for cleaning up the Pratt Farm property after the removal of the house and barn. There was a discussion of developing a restoration plan with trail work for the site using available funds from the balance in the Open Space Pratt Trail

account. SG was asked about follow up by the RTC on some potential land acquisitions. SM noted that inquiries and follow up on land acquisitions should be handled by and through the Open Space Committee framework (i.e., contact, discussion, site visit, appraisal, etc.)

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for early in January 2022.

SC adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Submitted by
Karen O'Donnell,
Clerk