

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

HEARING RM. 3, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR at 7:30 pm

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A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee ("the Committee") was called to order at 7:30 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), members Vicki McPherson (VM), Sue MacCallum (SM), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Michael Biviano (MB) were present. Bob Shaughnessy (BS) arrived at 7:48 pm. Tom Whalen (TW) absent.

The regular and executive session minutes of March 26, 2015 were reviewed. MB motioned to approve the regular and executive session minutes of March 26, 2015. KO seconded. All said aye.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for May 28, 2015.

### **Updates on current properties were discussed.**

- Holly Road
  - KO discussed the survey work being done by Merrill and the Conservation Restriction (CR) that will be held by Wildlands Trust. MB asked about the mission of Open Space and if we are charged with the task of putting on the CR. SM explained that all Open Space properties purchased with CPA funds are required to have a CR held by a third party. There was a discussion of properties that still need CRs. SM stated that we could be denied grants in the future if our CRs are not in place. CC suggested the possibility of using consultants and a discussion ensued.
- Archer
  - KO reported on the land survey, CR and grant progress. The spending deadline for reimbursement from the grant is June 30, 2015. The survey is almost complete and Wildlands will be holding the CR.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

KO talked about the membership and lack of representation from Assessors and Conservation making it difficult to get a quorum for meetings. Presently the Committee is a nine-member board with reps from Assessors, ConCom, Planning, CPC, Recreation and 4 at-large members. She would like to have the BOS review the composition of the Committee and possibly make changes. BS stated that there should be a member to represent any funding source, namely DPW and CPC. There was continued discussion with a suggestion to remove the reps from Assessors and Recreation, possibly replacing with at-large. In addition to CPC and DPW, SM

recommended keeping reps from Planning and ConCom and 3 or 5 at-large. She wondered if we should consider making the Committee seven members with 4 members making up a quorum. KO will ask Rocco about putting discussion on the BOS agenda.

### **CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS**

There was a general discussion of the status of CRs on Holly Road, Archer, Salvetti, Pratt, Maryland Street and Bennett.

### **CPC Article for 2015 ATM**

KO passed out copies of the Power Point presentation for the annual meeting article. There was a discussion of the importance of the increased access to the Pratt property and the South River. The improvements are significant in the South River Greenway and Trail plan. There was a general discussion of the proposed greenway and the Anderson tire property. VM talked about how the kayak launch will increase access to the South River, mapping Bourne Island, the sand bar and the possibility of picnics at the lagoon. She commented that it is a wonderful way to recharge and reflect in nature.

KO made a motion at 8:45 pm to enter into 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. MB seconded. Roll call vote: VM yes, SM yes, BS yes, CC yes, MB yes and KO yes.

**Submitted by Karen O'Donnell**