

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

DPW CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR at 7 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL

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A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee ("the Committee") was called to order at 7:40 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), Tom Whalen (TW), Chris Ciocca (CC), Bob Shaughnessy (BS) and new Planning Board member representative Michael Biviano (MB) were present. Sue MacCallum absent.

Also present: Vicki McPherson, Frank Hayes and Peter Dowd.

The regular and executive session minutes of May 15, 2014, December 23, 2014 and February 10, 2015 were reviewed. KO motioned to approve the regular and executive session minutes of May 15, 2014, December 23, 2014 and February 10, 2015. MB seconded. TW yes, KO yes, CC yes and BS yes.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for April 16, 2015. It was decided to change the starting time to 7:30 in an effort to avoid having to wait for members who have difficult commutes.

Updates on current properties were discussed.

- Holly Road
 - KO gave a brief background on the property purchase for the benefit of the new member MB and for invited guests. There followed a discussion of the ongoing survey and conservation restriction easement work being performed by Merrill Associates. KO mentioned that the plan format prepared for registered land differs from other land. She will clarify with Merrill and report back. The Board of Directors of Wildlands Trust will be reviewing the parcel and, hopefully, giving their approval to hold the CR. After discussion of the proposed parking lot on site, it was decided that the DPW does not have the time or personnel to complete the work and that the project should go out to bid.
- Archer
 - KO asked BS about the terms and amount of the water protection grant. BS stated that the total grant amount is \$140,000. KO will revisit the reimbursement terms of the grant to be sure that all requirements are being met.
- South River Park
 - KO continued an informal discussion of the Veterans' Town Meeting warrant article that had begun before the meeting was convened with a formal discussion on the topic. She asked Messrs. Dowd and Hayes

to explain their article and share the exact language of the article as written. Mr. Hayes stated, and Mr. Dowd concurred, that they were asking to take over the care and maintenance of the area of the park containing the Veterans' Memorial Wall. They stated that they had attended a DPW meeting and received their permission and that they would not be changing anything only taking over the care and maintenance. TW asked who would be maintaining the rest of the Park and the wild flower meadow. Messrs. Hayes and Dowd stated that Sam Woods and NSRWA would be taking over care of the meadow. KO had received information from Sam Woods that contradicted that information. Messrs. Dowd and Hayes did not know who would care for the other parts of the Park. BS stated that DPW Cemetery and Greens Dept. would continue that work. CC stated that there needs to be clarification of the who, where and how to of the maintenance work. TW stated that there are two dead trees that should have been replaced by the contractor but were not. After discussion of the warrant language, members of the Committee questioned and challenged the intent of the Veterans after seeing that the warrant language asked for control and ownership with no mention of care and maintenance. After more discussion, Messrs. Dowd and Hayes stated that they would be withdrawing the warrant article. TW asked Mr. Dowd to refrain from placing small flags all over the Park. He feels they are unnecessary and detract from the solemn beauty and power of the single flying flag.

Messrs. Dowd and Hayes left the meeting.

Committee Membership: KO gave a little history on the make-up of the Committee. She introduced Vicki McPherson and asked her to give the Committee a little background on herself and why she is interested in becoming a member of this Committee. Vicki shared that she enjoys outside passive and active recreation, is a local business owner and is dedicated to providing and improving children's physical fitness. She is currently on the Trails Committee and has been involved in walking and mapping existing trails on the many Town-owned Open Space parcels. She has read through the OSRP and is willing to help the Committee in any way as we work toward meeting our stated goals and objectives. There was a brief discussion and acknowledgment by members as to their position on the Committee and other boards. BS has 12 years with the DPW. TW is the CPC rep. CC started on Open Space and then joined the Recreation Committee and became their rep on Open Space. MB is the new Planning Board rep. He has been on the Planning Board for nine years. KO and SM are at-large members. There was a brief discussion of pedestrian safety and sidewalks. MB mentioned a Planning Board sidewalk fund and it was decided that BS would look into finding out more about that fund. KO asked the members present if they would like to recommend Vicki for appointment by the BOS. All agreed that KO should send a recommendation letter to the BOS.

Conservation Restrictions: KO reported:

- Holly Road – The Wildlands Board of Directors will review and hopefully approve the CR on this parcel at their next meeting on April 2.
- Archer – Because of the weather, work on this project has been stalled. We should have a preliminary CR easement plan in time for the Wildlands next meeting in May. We have to apply for the CR on this parcel before July 2015 in order to get reimbursement from the grant.
- Pratt – We will have to formalize the 1.65-acre building envelope and have it approved by the BOS before Wildlands can submit this property to their Board of Directors for approval.
- Salvetti – An existing property encroachment issue has to be resolved and better monumentation of the property line closest to the house and barn lot must be in place before Wildlands can submit this property to the Board of Directors for approval.
- Maryland Street – Still in limbo. TW wants to look at having another land trust hold the CR if TTOR won't sign the papers.
- Bennett – KO is close to locating the survey plan for this parcel. When located, she will forward to CC who will follow-up with his contact at Mass Audubon. There was a discussion of how to pay for the cost of putting a CR on this property. KO suggested asking CPC to pay for it out of their administrative funds.

CPC Article for 2015 Annual Town Meeting

KO started discussion of the Committee's warrant article for parking, bridges and trails on the Pratt property and the stairs and kayak launch on adjacent town-owned land. CC asked what needed to be done to make the rail trail by the Keville bridge ADA compliant. TW said it will involve bringing in an approved footing material and grading the approximately 600' from Ocean Street to the bridge. Vicki and TW commented that moving the jersey barriers would make the entrance more attractive and appealing. There was discussion of the presentation. MB suggested lots of pictures.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

KO asked for information on the process for updating the OSRP. It was noted that the OSRP should be reviewed on an annual basis. The plan is due to be updated in 2017. KO noted that the current plan can be accessed on the town website. There are no hard copies of the approved plan. TW stated that previously printing had been outsourced to the prison. They do a good job at a very reasonable cost. TW suggested that the update is or should be done by the ConCom. KO will inquire as to whose responsibility it is to update. If Open Space is the responsible party, MB suggested reviewing a chapter at each monthly meeting. Vicki McPherson left the meeting.

At 10 pm, KO motioned 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. Seconded by MB. With a roll call vote: TW yes, BS yes, MB yes, CC yes, KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell