

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016
HEARING ROOM 3, 2ND FLOOR at 7:30 pm
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL
MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order at 7:45 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Bob Shaughnessy (BS), Chad Haitsma (CH), Sue MacCallum (SM) and Vicki McPherson (VM) were present. Michael Biviano (MB) and Chris Ciocca (CC) were absent.

Former Committee member, Tom Whalen, was also present.

The Committee reviewed regular and executive session minutes for September 15, 2016. KO made a motion to accept the regular and executive session minutes for September 15, 2016 as written. Seconded by VM. BS, CH, VM and KO voted in favor. SM abstained.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for November 3, 2016.

UPDATES:

Conservation Restrictions (CRs)

KO reported that Town Counsel had reviewed and approved draft CRs for the Salvetti and Holly Road properties. Wildlands Trust will now forward them to the Division of Conservation Services (DCS) for review and approval. There was a brief discussion of other CRs on conservation properties. BS inquired about certain properties and how they are shown in the assessor’s records as being held by certain entities and whether there are CRs on those properties. Mr. Whalen asked if a CR was ever placed on the Riverwalk property. KO stated that she believed that The Trustees of Reservations held the CR for that property. Wildlands Trust is waiting for clarification from DCS on whether existing CRs on recent acquisitions had “merged” with the Town purchase. KO will follow up.

310 Furnace Street

KO reported that Town Counsel is still waiting for completion of title certification before scheduling closing.

CPC Application

KO reported that two applications for funding had been submitted to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The first application requested funds to complete survey work and CRs on properties acquired with CPA funds. It was determined at the time of acquisition that these funds would not be necessary. During the CR process, it appears that survey and/or CR monies will be necessary for two possible properties. The second application will be discussed in executive session.

DISCUSSION:

Pratt Property

KO reported that Pat Brennan from Amory Engineering had submitted a Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission for the project work on the property. CH reported that this was discussed at the Conservation Commission meeting held on Tuesday, October 4. He stated that there was an inquiry about NHESP issues at the site. Mr. Brennan is waiting for a letter from NHESP. CH stated that there was discussion of the bridge going over Zena's Brook and that there would be no heavy equipment on site without further consultation with the Commission. Mr. Whalen asked why it has taken so long for this project to move forward. KO reiterated that Mr. Brennan wanted to get through the public hearing process with Conservation before bidding so that he could incorporate any changes into the bid documents. After bidding is completed and the project has been contracted out, all work can begin

(weather permitting). He expects that the kayak launch would be ready for use in early spring. Mr. Whalen stated that the float on the Riverwalk property would need to be removed and stored for the winter. KO will check with Conservation on how this has been handled in the past. VM was excited to report that the granite bench donated by Gail Hunter in memory of her daughter and son has been installed at the site of the proposed canoe/kayak launch. There was more discussion of the disposition of the house and barn on the property. KO reported that, although she had sent an email to Rocco regarding the Committee's vote to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen with the Committee's recommendation, she had still not sent the letter. Mr. Whalen stated that it is an English style barn - the door is located on the sidewall as opposed to the gable end. He had previously gotten estimates of \$10,000 to knock down the barn and \$25,000 for the house and barn. It was decided to include in the letter the Committee's recommendation to investigate the salvage possibility of the barn, should it be decided that there are no Town entities interested in utilizing it.

OSRP Update

KO reported on the Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant article asking for CPA funds to hire a consultant to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). In order for the Town to be eligible for any grant funding, the OSRP must be updated and submitted to the DCS for approval by June 30, 2017. Approval at STM on October 24 is required. KO distributed copies of the 2010 OSRP public survey. SM stated that the Committee can and should develop the survey questions for this update. The consultant can coordinate and conduct public hearings. SM led the discussion on the most effective methods of creating and distributing a public survey using Survey Monkey. SM will research methods for achieving the best results i.e., # of questions, distribution (email, hard copies) and publicizing (media, internet forums, Facebook etc.) KO will talk to Jon Nash about putting it on the Town's website. Members will review the previous survey, prepare questions and be ready to discuss and finalize the survey at our next meeting. The discussion continued around goals and objectives, specifically: FEMA

maps, a comprehensive plan for global warming, seawalls, engineering barriers, recognition as a coastal community and climate change.

Mr. Whalen exited the meeting.

KO made a motion at 9 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. SM seconded. Roll call vote: BS yes, CH yes, SM yes, VM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell

2010 OSRP Survey