

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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 7:30 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Bob Shaughnessy (BS), Chad Haitsma (CH), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Vicki McPherson (VM) were present. Michael Biviano (MB) and Sue MacCallum were absent.

The Committee reviewed regular and executive session minutes for October 6, 2016. KO made a motion to accept the regular and executive session minutes for October 6, 2016 as written. Seconded by VM. BS, CH, VM and KO voted in favor. CC abstained.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for December 1, 2016.

UPDATES:

Conservation Restrictions (CRs)

Wildlands Trust has submitted draft CRs for the Salvetti and Holly Road properties to the Division of Conservation Services (DCS) for review and approval. We are almost ready to submit the Jomat CR.

310 Furnace Street

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

CPC Application

KO reported that an application for funding surveys and CRs had been submitted to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). After consulting with Wildlands Trust, KO reported that existing stewardship

endowment estimates should remain the same. Going forward they will be charging for the Baseline Documentation Reports (BDR). Bennett/Careswell charges for placing monuments and the stewardship endowment estimate we received from Audubon will be over \$20,000. There was a discussion of cost and the lack of funding. It was decided to seek a second estimate from Wildlands Trust. KO would like to modify this application to include some funds for misc. administrative costs. A second application for funding an acquisition will be discussed in executive session at the next CPC meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Pratt Property

KO reported that she had not sent the letter to the Board of Selectmen with the Committee's recommendations. She would like to modify the letter to include the reasons the property was purchased by Town Meeting and that, should the house and barn be demolished, the land should be kept as open space with the possibility of a picnic area and the placing of a historic marker. After discussion, it was decided to make those changes and submit the letter.

OSRP Update

The Committee discussed how to go forward with an RFP(Q) for the OSRP update. BS led the discussion on the procurement process and deliverables: specify the scope of work by task; qualifications, experience level, provide completed plans for review; resume of team/staff; schedule and deadlines; reports – hard and electronic copies. CC suggested tapping Tom Whalen for information on networking and sharing resources.

KO made a motion at 8:30 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. VM seconded. Roll call vote: BS yes, CH yes, CC yes, VM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell