

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

HEARING ROOM 3, 2ND FLOOR at 7:15 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order at 7:23 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Kevin Cantwell (KC), Chris Ciocca (CC), Sue MacCallum (SM), Chad Haitsma (CH) and Vicki McPherson (VM) were present.

Linda Cincotti, Steve Goodhue and Ned Bangs, members of the Recreational Trails Committee (RTC), were also present.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for February 15, 2018 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for February 15, 2018. Seconded by KC. The minutes were approved as written, by KC, CC, CH and KO. SM and VM abstained.

Signage – RTC: Members of the RTC were introduced. Ned Bangs provided the Committee with a handout covering the RTC Jose C. Carreiro Woodland map and information for the map. He gave a detailed presentation focusing on the RTC’s efforts to create an identity and develop signage for the Marshfield trails system. RTC will be working with Brenner Sign Company of Plymouth. Kiosks are being constructed by the Marshfield High School woodworking shop. Each sign will have a standard layout and will share unique qualities such as branded border, colors, font, logos identifying our partners (CPC, OS, ConCom, TTOR, NSRWA, Boy Scouts, etc.). He presented a working draft that will be submitted to Brenner to create a prototype that will be available at Town Meeting. Linda Cincotti, Chair of the RTC, discussed the kiosk design and the sign color, size and materials that will be used. She explained that there will be interpretive and/or informational signage that will insure easy navigation and provide an overall enjoyable experience. Linda also provided a detailed accounting of the process to choose a sign vendor. Three vendors responded with proposals all offering differing skills and attitudes. One vendor dropped out and the RTC, after reviewing past experience, skills, consistency and manufacture, chose Brenner Signs with a 3 to 2 vote. CH asked how long the sign should last. Linda responded, 10-15 years, and it will be

laminate not aluminum. CC asked about rules and if the top ten will be on all the signs? Ned answered yes. Ned also acknowledged the advice and input received from Bill Grafton, Greg Guimond and Bert O'Donnell. CC asked if No Hunting will be on the sign and a brief discussion ensued. Ned replied that it could be added. SM liked the kiosks and asked about suggestions on content, cautioning that a lot of information may be too much. SM asked about the timeline. Response: the kiosks should be completed by the end of school. There was more discussion involving pricing (estimated \$1,000 for Jose Carreiro Woodlands) and the schedule for signage at other identified properties. Steve Goodhue reported on a state recreational trail grant application that he submitted and is now under review. VM responded to questions about how the signs will be fastened and exposure to UV, heat and blowing sand. VM recommended placement out of sun and inside fasteners. SM stated that less obvious fasteners work better. The more tamper proof the least likely that anyone will try to remove.

The Committee thanked the RTC members for their presentation and invited them back with their prototype when available. Linda and Steve left the meeting.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update: KO reported that the inventory and schedule of Town CRs has been sent to DCS and final approval is expected very soon.

Land Acquisition: 76 Ferry Hill Road: KO reported that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) had entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Cambridge YWCA for the purchase of the Y property located at 76 Ferry Hill Road. A copy of the P&S and Recreation Department proposal for a summer camp at the site had been posted on the Town website. A lengthy discussion ensued with concern by all members over the lack of protocol in the acquisition process. The urgency expressed by the BOS created a hurried negotiation process that lacked transparency. It was noted that the P&S had been signed without the benefit of an appraisal. An appraisal is required when using CPA funds for a land acquisition. The BOS had not been before CPC with their request for funding. There was further discussion on the Recreation Department proposal for a summer camp at the site. CC reported that the BOS had contacted the Recreation Director asking him to develop a draft plan/proposal for

operating a summer camp. At their last meeting, the Recreation Commission asked the director if he agreed with the camp idea and if he was able to take on the task of managing this camp. He replied in the affirmative to both questions. The Committee reviewed the camp proposal and noted their concern over the lack of information with respect to anticipated expenses, ADA upgrades and maintenance. The plan only provides estimated camp staff salary expenses. It was the consensus of all members present to not offer comment or support on the acquisition or camp proposal until more information is provided. It was suggested that the acquisition be delayed and brought back in the fall, if possible.

Old Business:

Pratt: KO reported that there was still no decision on the disposition of the buildings. It was reported that a dog park was being proposed on the Pratt property. CC reported that at the last Recreation Commission meeting there was a discussion of a dog park. A member of the commission had received a grant that required a \$25,000 financial commitment by the Town. A citizen's proposal is included in the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The recreation department property located at Coast Guard Hill was the proposed site. CC reported that the Recreation Commission did not support the proposal. KO would not support any dog park on the Pratt property.

Next Meeting Date: After discussion, the next Committee meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2018 at 7 pm.

At 9:25 pm, KO made a motion to enter 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 KC. Roll call vote: CC yes, KC yes, CH yes, VM yes, SM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell

RTC Map & Information