

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

HEARING ROOM 3, 2ND FLOOR at 7 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order at 7:05 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Chad Haitsma (CH), Vicki McPherson (VM) and Kevin Cantwell (KC) were present. Chris Ciocca (CC) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were absent.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for May 3, 2018 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for May 3, 2018. Seconded by KC. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Committee Membership and Policy: KO reported that CH’s tenure on the Conservation Commission was coming to an end. CH has been a valued member of the Open Space Committee while representing the ConCom. CH stated that he would like to continue on the Open Space Committee and asked for the Committee’s approval to seek appointment to the open at-large position. After discussion, it was the unanimous consensus of the members present to endorse CH for appointment as an at-large member.

For discussion purposes, KO distributed a 2007 memorandum setting forth recommended land acquisition procedures. These are the procedures that the Committee has followed over the past 10 years. KO asked if the Committee should continue to follow the recommended protocol for open space negotiations and policy. The Committee reviewed the procedures and made minor revisions. Upon motion duly made and seconded, all members present voted to continue with this established process. KO will share the memorandum with the new Town Administrator.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Executive Summary: KO reported that the summary, with the Committee’s suggested changes, had been finalized. All deliverables from the consultant, Horsley Witten, have been received. They have been issued final payment for their

consulting services. Copies of the executive summary are available in the Conservation Commission office and in the Town Clerk's office. The recently approved March 30, 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan can be viewed on the Town website on the Open Space page.

352 Furnace Street – Conservation Restriction (CR): KO reported that the amendment to CR #74 was under review by EEA. The amendment will add the acreage from 352 Furnace and 555 Main Street to the 310 Furnace Street CR. DPW will create a small parking area at the site. It is a reimbursement requirement. CPC should be reimbursed approximately \$102,000 in Drinking Water Supply Protection grant monies.

Pratt Property: KO stated her discomfort with the delay in recording the CR on this property. It was noted that remaining work on the trail improvements include a handicap parking space at CVS and a switch back to the rail trail.

KO will talk with Bill Grafton about having the canoe and kayak launch moved and stored by Russell Clark at Humarock Mooring Service in the Fall. Hopefully Conservation will have the funds to pay for this.

VM reported that the Recreational Trails Committee continues to work on the trail signage. They are on their 4th revision. Unfortunately, the high school woodworking class was only able to complete one kiosk. Installation of that kiosk at the Willow Street parking area is scheduled for tomorrow.

At 7:40 pm, KO made a motion 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 VM. Roll Call vote: KC yes, CH yes, VM yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell

Clifford Land Acquisition Memo