

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019

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 7:04 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Chad Haitsma (CH), Kevin Cantwell (KC) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were present. Chris Ciocca (CC) was absent.

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

Open Space Officers, Policy and Planning: There was discussion of a possible change in officers on the Committee. Members were asked if they would be interested in taking over as Chair. CH may have interest but would like a little more time to consider options. With regard to the BOS and the land acquisition process, CH would like to see a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Selectmen and the Committee that would determine and set procedures for future acquisitions. Further discussion of officers and a MOU will be taken up at the next meeting,

CH distributed a draft schedule for Interim Updating & Review of the OSRP. The schedule shows the proposed frequency for Goal Review, Data Updates and Needs Analysis. Year 5 is the final prep prior to starting the next OSRP cycle. CH questioned possible involvement by Horsley Witten, how they may be engaged and at what cost. He also noted that any “programmatic” changes at the state level would have to be identified. He requested Committee feedback for the next meeting.

Maryland Street Acquisition Funds: KO reported that approved signage had been installed at the new kiosk on the property. Cost of the sign was paid from the existing acquisition account. KO made a motion to release and return all remaining funds from the Maryland Street acquisition account to the appropriate CPC funding account. Seconded by SM. Approved unanimously.

Dog Park Land: KO reported that the DPW is considering the transfer/lease of 4.5 acres of Water Dept. land off of Parsonage Street for creation of a dog park. Land adjacent to the Rockwood Road fields was also discussed as a possible site.

CPC Application: KO reported that she did not receive an opinion from Town Counsel on the appropriateness of the application request by December 1st so, as directed by the Committee, she withdrew the application from CPC consideration at their meeting in December.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for March 14, 2019.

At 7:52 pm, a motion was made to enter executive session, not returning 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: CH yes, KC yes, SM yes and KO yes

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell