

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

HEARING ROOM 3, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR at 7 pm

MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order at 7:06 pm. Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Chad Haitsma (CH), Kevin Cantwell (KC), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were present.

At 7:07 pm, KO made a motion to enter executive session, returning to regular session, for real property discussion because discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the Committee’s negotiating position. Second SM. Roll call vote: CC yes, SM yes, CH yes, KC yes and KO yes.

The Committee returned to open session at 8:01 pm and continued with Committee business.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for February 7, 2019 were reviewed. KC made a motion to approve regular session minutes for February 7, 2019. Seconded by KO. The minutes were approved as written. CC abstained.

Open Space Officers, Policy and Planning: Discussion continued on a possible change in officers on the Committee. CH would like to see a job description for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. KO will speak to the Town Clerk to ascertain that information. CH reiterated his desire for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Selectmen setting forth procedures for future acquisitions. KO shared an MOU from the Town of Stow with regard to their Chapter 61 review process guidelines and suggested that the Committee create a draft MOU to present to the BOS.

Annual Town Meeting: KO commented on the CPC’s decision to fund an extension of the Harbor walk. KO considers it a sidewalk and using CPA funds could set a precedent for future projects requesting funds for sidewalks. KC disagreed and maintained that it is not a sidewalk but a recreational walkway. KC added that the CPC decision to support the project was by majority vote of the committee.

Pratt: KO wondered if the Committee should be involved at all in improvements at the site of the house and barn. A picnic area, loop trail and the extension of the proposed greenway were discussed.

Recreational Trail Committee: There was a discussion of the signage and map of the Little/Goggin/Jomat trail properties. The Committee would like to review the proposed signage before it is made final and the Committee releases funds. It was noted that a shed at the Little site was being discussed.

Dog Park Land: KO reported that it has been determined the DPW land on Parsonage Street being considered as a site for a dog park is Article 97 land, and a dog park would not be allowed. KO stated that at a recent ConCom meeting, the commission members were not in favor of a dog park on any ConCom land.

Mitigation Funds: In an effort to clarify the amount and future use of mitigation funds that have been set aside as part of development projects at the Enterprise Park location, KO and SM reported on a conversation they had with Jesse Leddick of Natural Heritage. The funds were brought to the Committee's attention by Billy Last Jr.

CPA CRs: KO reported that she is working with Wildlands Trust on mitigation CRs for the Boys & Girls Club and ballfield project sites.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for May 16, 2019.

At 8:52 pm, KO made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by KC. All in favor.

**Submitted by Karen O'Donnell**