

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 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 7:09 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), members Chad Haitsma (CH), Kevin Cantwell (KC), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were present.

At 7:10 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 CC. Roll call vote: CC yes, SM yes, CH yes, KC yes and KO yes.

At 9 pm, the Committee returned to open session and continued with the Committee business.

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for April 4, 2019 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for April 4, 2019 with one correction. Seconded by KC. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Open Space Officers, Policy and Planning: Discussion continued on a possible change in officers on the Committee. KO reported that she had visited with the Town Clerk. KO provided the Committee with copies of portions of the Rules & Regs on file in the Clerk's office for the School Committee and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Members were asked to review for further discussions as the Committee develops Open Space Rules & Regs and sets forth the duties of the Chair, Vice Chair & Clerk.

Pratt: There was a discussion of the Committee's involvement with any future projects at the site. KO will follow up with Pat Brennan and the Town Planner to determine any unfinished business with the Committee's ongoing trail improvement project. After discussion, it was decided that the now established Recreational Trail Committee ("RTC") and/or the Conservation Commission should be the applicant(s) for any future projects, guided by the recorded Conservation Restriction ("CR")

on the property. KO reported that she had provided copies of CRs on Pratt, Little, Goggin & Jomat to Angela, the designer working on the trail signage for these properties. Angela would like to attend a Committee meeting to get background on these properties in an effort to gain insight. KO will reach out to the Chair of the RTC to discuss the Committee's decisions on signage, available funds and future involvement.

Mitigation CRs: KO reported that there may be a need for funds to survey the parcels being used for mitigation at the Boys & Girls Club and ballfield sites. The Department of Conservation Services CR reviewer would like a metes & bounds plan included in the CRs. KO has asked DPW if plans exist on the mitigation parcels.

Town Meeting: KO acknowledged that she spoke at Town Meeting against using CPA funds for the extension of the Harbor walk. She spoke as a private citizen but did mention that she was the Chair of the Open Space Committee during her comments.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for June 27, 2019.

At 9:25 pm, KO made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by SM. All in favor.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell

Handout: Portions of School Committee & ZBA Rules & Regulations