

## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 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 7:15 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 May 9, 2019 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for May 9, 2019. Seconded by KC. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Open Space Officers, Policy and Planning: KO asked which members would be asking for reappointment. Letters need to be sent to the Selectmen soon in order to get on their next meeting agenda for reappointment. SM and KC will get their letters to the BOS. The Committee then discussed CC's request to be appointed to the open at-large position. CC has been an asset on the Committee. He has been the Recreation representative for many years. There was no opposition and KO will send a letter to the BOS supporting CC's appointment to the at-large position. The Conservation Commission has a new member who may be interested in becoming their rep on open space.

Discussion continued on a possible change in officers and development of Open Space Rules and Regulations, including the duties of the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk/Secretary. After discussion, it was decided that KO would put all suggestions into a word document to share and finalize for consideration and approval at the Committee's next meeting.

RTC: Signage, Pratt, Rail Trail: The RTC Chair is away until July. KO will be in contact on her return to discuss the Committee's decisions on signage, available funds and future involvement.

South River Park: KO informed the Committee of efforts by the Friends of South River Park to raise funds for maintenance and restoration projects at the Park. A discussion ensued about the need to develop a long-term plan and to allocate funds to support this Town owned parcel that benefits the whole Town and brings beauty and respite to a particularly congested section of the Town's downtown area. CPA funds cannot be used for maintenance.

Mitigation CRs: KO asked if the Committee would like to prepare a CPC application requesting funds to survey mitigation parcels. It was agreed that KO will prepare an application.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2019.

At 7:45 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: SM yes, CH yes, KC yes and KO yes.

**Submitted by Karen O'Donnell**