

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ZOOM MEETING, 7 pm

At a meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”), Chairperson Karen O’Donnell (KO), members Chris Ciocca (CC), Sue MacCallum (SM) and Kevin Cantwell (KC) were present. Chad Haitsma (CH) was absent.

Craig Hannafin from the Conservation Commission, and Nick Rossi from Mass Audubon, were also present.

At 7:15 pm, KO made a motion to open the meeting. Seconded by SM. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, CC yes, SM yes and KC yes.**

Minutes Review: Regular and executive session minutes for February 20, 2020 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular and executive session minutes for February 20, 2020 as written. Seconded by SM. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, SM yes and KC, yes. CC abstained.**

STM, Article 9 Land Acquisition: KO recognized Nick Rossi from Mass Audubon to provide a summary and update of the Open Space/CPC McLarey land acquisition. Nick summarized the rather complicated acquisition process and provided the Committee with detailed maps of the property showing the conservation and affordable housing parcels. There was a general discussion about how the Article will be presented at Town Meeting. Nick has been working with Bob Galvin and the Town Moderator, Don Gibson, to clarify the motion that will be presented for Article 9 in the Special Town Meeting. CC commented on the affordable housing component and expressed concern that problems may arise if there are questions from the floor and the presentation does not contain an adequate explanation of the potential for affordable housing on the site. KO will contact the Town Planner for his opinion. KC will talk with Kerry Richardson, the affordable housing representative on CPC. SM commented that it should be noted that the acquisition costs include the cost of demolition of the derelict house on the property. Nick reiterated Mass Audubon’s commitment to prepare and work with the state on the required conservation restriction and that they will hold and monitor the conservation restriction at no cost to the Town. The Committee thanked Nick for all the work he has done to help in this complicated land acquisition.

Nick Rossi left the meeting.

Committee Membership: KO introduced Craig Hannafin. Craig is presently on the Conservation Commission and has agreed to join the Committee as their liaison. She will need to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and after being sworn in will be able to join us. KO reported that Chad has received a serious medical diagnosis. Treatment will make it very difficult for him to continue on the Committee and, therefore, he has decided to resign. The Committee will now have an open at-large position and is still looking for a required Recreation Commission liaison. CC stated that Recreation is having their own difficulties

with membership. KC thought new members may have come on and will check in with Recreation again. KO suggested asking the BOS to change the Rec Commission liaison to Recreational Trails. To keep members diverse and representative, the Committee would prefer maintaining 7 members. KO asked for members to consider taking the Chair position. She will continue as Chair for the time being. SM expressed concern that it would be unfortunate if a reduction in membership made it impossible to continue. The Committee is and has been an important voice for those conservation minded residents of the Town who value the protection of open space, water resources and the environment.

At 8:15 pm, KO made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by KC. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, CC yes, SM yes and KC yes.**

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell