

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 Craig C. Hannafin (CCH) were present. Kevin Cantwell (KC) was absent.

A prospective Committee member, Susan Caron, was also present.

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

Minutes Review: Regular session minutes for June 11, 2020 were reviewed. KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for June 11, 2020 as written. Seconded by SM. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, SM yes, CC yes and CCH abstained.**

Committee Membership: KO introduced Susan Caron. Susan has submitted an application to the BOS asking to be appointed to the Committee. Susan explained that she was a 6-yr member of the Conservation Commission and a former member and Chair of the OS Committee. She resigned from both when she temporarily relocated out of state. She is now back in Marshfield. Susan was instrumental in the acquisition of multiple parcels on the North and South Rivers, updated the previous Open Space and Recreation Plan and has a deep commitment to protecting and preserving the open spaces, water resources and environment. She is also very involved in the Friends of South River Park and Greenway, a volunteer group that she manages for the improvement and maintenance of the town’s South River Park. Her involvement continued with the Friends even after relocating. Susan has also asked the BOS to consider her appointment to an open seat on the Conservation Commission. After a brief discussion of Susan’s possible appointment, KO made a motion that the Committee send a letter to the BOS supporting Susan’s appointment to fill the remainder of Chad’s 3-yr term. Seconded by SM. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, CC yes, SM yes and CCH yes.**

Discussion of Land Protection & Acquisition Process & Education: KO stated that she had added the education component to the discussion so that the Committee could consider how we might provide support and information to guide and garner the support of residents of the town for our efforts to protect and preserve open spaces, water resources, historic landscapes and many other environmental qualities present within the community.

SM led the discussion of developing a document on land acquisition with a goal of clarifying the process so that it is clearly understood and approved by members of the Open Space committee, Board of Selectmen, and others involved in the acquisition process.

Review OSRP Goals & Objectives for Updating: There was a brief discussion about updating the OSRP. SM suggested the Committee concentrate its energy on updating the narrative and leaving the details to the consultants, who will have the necessary experience and

better tools for the update. CCH commented that the recently updated OSRP was very good and contained a lot of information.

At 7:39 pm, KO made a motion 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 SM. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, CC yes, SM yes and CCH yes.**

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell