

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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 on the Zoom meeting. Susan Caron (SC) called in by phone. Kevin Cantwell (KC) was absent.

Resident Richard Murphy was also present on the Zoom meeting.

At 7:10 pm, KO made a motion to open the meeting. Seconded by CC. **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. SM requested a revision to the minutes. Approval of the minutes was tabled to the next Committee meeting in order to make the necessary change.

Committee Membership: KO welcomed Sue Caron to the Committee. She will fill Chad’s open seat. She will have to get reappointed in June 2021. KO reported on the BOS vote to change the required recreation representative to allow a representative from either the Recreation Commission (RC) or the Recreational Trails Committee (RTC). Emails were sent to the RC Chair and the RTC Chair. RTC chair, Brendan Coyne, responded to the email and expressed an interest in filling the open seat.

Discussion of Land Protection & Acquisition Process: SM discussed the draft document setting forth a land protection and acquisition process. It was decided that the document should be a clarifying agreement between the Committee, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and all other interested Town departments. SM has reached out to other communities seeking recommendations and asked Committee members with connections in other communities to do the same. This is ongoing and will be revisited and discussed in future Committee meetings.

Wolfe Conservation Restriction: KO made the Committee aware of presentations made to the Conservation Commission and the BOS setting forth the terms of a Conservation Restriction (CR) by Susan & Michael Wolfe with Wildlands Trust. The CR protects 540’ of frontage on the North River and puts future development protections on the entire 20-acre property. KO applauded the Wolfes for their stewardship and deep commitment to preserving and protecting a scenic vista and the natural integrity of the landscape. CCH concurred and spoke about their presentation to the Conservation Commission.

SC joined the meeting calling in by phone.

The Committee discussed a tentative next meeting date of October 22, 2020.

At 7:26 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 CH. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, CC yes, SM yes, CCH yes and SC yes.**

**Submitted by Karen O'Donnell**