

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

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), Craig C. Hannafin (CCH), Susan Caron (SC), Kevin Cantwell (KC) and Steve Goodhue (SG) were present on the Zoom meeting.

At 7:10 pm, KO made a motion to open the meeting. Seconded by SM. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, SM yes, CCH yes, KC yes, SC yes and SG yes.**

Minutes Review: KO made a motion to approve regular session minutes for November 19, 2020. Seconded by SC. **ROLL CALL VOTE: KO yes, SM yes, CCH yes, KC abstained, SC yes, and SG abstained.**

KO welcomed Steve Goodhue as our newest member. KO stated that she would remain in the Chair position until the end of June when her tenure ends but would like members to consider taking over the Chair position. She stated that, although she acts as clerk and takes minutes as well, she does not recommend the new chair doing that.

There was a discussion of updating the Land Protection and Acquisition Process and Land Acquisition Ranking Form documents. KO reported that she had been contacted by 2 landowners about possibly donating land. The Committee has not been involved in the donation process. In the past it has been handled by ConCom, Planning and BOS. SM thought that the Committee should review parcels being considered for donation. SC wondered how many Zone I & II parcels may still need to be protected. DPW should be consulted. She made suggestions about specifying and adding parcels with potential vernal pools and encroachment issues to the ranking form. Also, should we consider combining passive recreation with access. SM suggested adding the potential for all person accessibility to the ranking form i.e. give it points.

CC entered the meeting. KO brought him up to speed on previous discussions.

The Committee discussed a tentative next meeting date of February 11, 2021.

At 7:37 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 CCH. **ROLL CALL: KO yes, CC yes, SM yes, CCH yes, KC yes, SC yes and SG yes.**

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell