

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
HEARING RM. 3, 2ND FLOOR at 7:30 pm
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL
MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee ("the Committee") was called to order at 7:45 pm. Chairperson Karen O'Donnell (KO), members Vicki McPherson (VM), Chad Haitsma (CH), Michael Biviano (MB) and Bob Shaughnessy (BS) were present. Chris Ciocca (CC), Tom Whalen (TW) and Sue MacCallum (SM) were absent.

The Committee reviewed regular and executive session minutes for August 20, 2015. CH noted an omission in the executive session minutes should be corrected. KO made a motion to accept the regular session minutes for August 20, 2015 as written. MB seconded. All said aye. The executive minutes will be corrected and reviewed at our next meeting in October.

The next meeting date was tentatively set for October 15, 2015.

Updates on current properties were discussed.

- Holly Road
 - There was a discussion of a site visit with a representative from Merrill. VM expressed a desire to attend and that she could be available on Friday afternoons. KO will make arrangements for visit. BS had spoken with Tom Reynolds about the parking lot. Tom Reynolds is working on the timing and how to pay his personnel labor costs since he cannot use CPA funds.
- Archer
 - KO reported that the Town had received the grant reimbursement check from the State. The grant monies should be put back into CPA. KO asked about the possibility of Wildlands Trust using some of the grant monies they

received from a state Recreational Trails grant program for a parking area and trail work on the Archer property that would connect to their Hoyt-Hall preserve. MB asked if they would be able to use the grant money for work on land that they do not own. KO will inquire and try to get more information. BS noted that a representative from Wildlands should get on a Board of Public Works agenda for discussion.

- Pratt
 - KO reported that the AAB board would be reviewing our variance application on September 21. She will call September 22 for the result of the review. KO will check with the Board of Selectmen about their December 15, 2014 vote on TW's plan to carve out the house and barn building envelope. KO reported that she had met with a group of other interested parties at the Pratt property organized by Regina Porter. Some neighbors, and historic preservation professionals known to Regina attended to view the house and barn and offer their opinions on Regina's idea for a possible "artist in residence" for the house and barn and historic tours of the property, highlighting landscaping and conservation.
- STM Article – Jomat Land Acquisition.
 - KO reported that there was a placeholder in the Warrant covering this Article. Attorney Galvin will prepare the motion with the required language to accept the grant should we get it.

KO made a motion at 8:30 pm to enter into 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. MB seconded. Roll call vote: MB yes, VM yes, CH yes, BS yes and KO yes.

Submitted by Karen O'Donnell