

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022
HEARING RM 2, 2ND FLOOR at 7 pm
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee (“the Committee”) was called to order by the Chair, Susan Caron (SC) at 7:05 pm.

Members present: Karen O'Donnell (KO), Craig C. Hannafin (CCH) and Steve Goodhue (SG). Absent: Sue MacCallum (SM) and Chris Ciocca (CC).

Minutes Review: After review and upon SC's motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to approve the regular session minutes for December 9, 2021, as written.

Town Meeting Articles: SC is working on the OS/CPC Town Meeting article for funding Conservation Restrictions on mitigation parcels. She will contact the Town Planner about maps and information to provide at Town Meeting. SC would like the ConCom to consider co-sponsoring the article. CCH, as chair of the ConCom, will discuss that possibility with her Board at their next meeting. Town Meeting will entertain another OS/CPC article for \$30,000 to fund future Open Space land acquisition appraisals. The warrant opened on January 3, 2022 and will close on January 24, 2022.

Wildlands Trust/Informational Meeting: The Committee discussed inviting a representative from Wildlands Trust to attend a meeting and provide information and guidance on the conservation restriction process and the benefits to the community. We would like to have this happen before Town Meeting and possibly at a Select Board meeting.

Public Survey/Open Space: Preparing and distributing an open space survey similar to what was used during the OSRP update was brought up at our last meeting. There was a brief discussion and agreement to continue researching this possibility.

Pratt Property/Use of OS Trail Account Reserve for Improvements: SC will arrange a meeting with Mr. Maresco to discuss plans for completing trail work and clean up around the area where the house and barn were removed. The Committee would like to be involved in efforts going forward to complete the trail work and clean up at the site. Some type of barrier will be needed to limit access from South River Street.

There was a brief discussion of work being done by the RTC. SG reported on developing trails south of the bridle path and CVS. There is a property with cranberry bogs that could offer a trail link with the Pilgrim trail and the existing railroad bed. The property has a barn containing antique harvesting equipment that the Historical and Agricultural Commissions are anxious to work with the owner on a possible move and public use.

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NEXT MEETING: February 17, 2022

Executive Session for Real Property Updates:

At 8:30 pm, upon SC's motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to enter executive session, not returning to regular open session, for real property discussion because discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the Committee's negotiating position. Roll call vote: SC yes, CCH yes, SG yes and KO yes.

Submitted by
Karen O'Donnell, Clerk