

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 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 7:13 pm. Members present Sue MacCallum (SM), Craig C. Hannafin (CCH), Karen O’Donnell (KO), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Steve Goodhue (SG).

After discussion, it was decided to meet again on April 28, 2022.

Minutes Review: After review, SC made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for February 17, 2022, as written. Second CC. SC yes, SG yes, KO yes and CC yes. SM and CCH abstained.

Trail Walk with Recreational Trails: SG provided details on the planned trail walk with Committee members scheduled for May 7th. He presented a map showing the proposed trail that will connect and extend the existing trail from the railroad bed at CVS, down Webster Street and through the proposed Red Gold subdivision, eventually connecting with the existing railroad bed at the Hall property and continuing to Careswell St.

Open Space Plan: SC reported that the OSRP update is due in November 2024. KO will provide her with contact information for the consultant used for the 2018 update (Horsley Witten). SC will contact to get an idea of their fee for this upcoming update. KO thought the Committee could contact three consultants and make a choice from the quotes received. The Committee should review the RFP used for the previous update. SC will be meeting with Gregg Guimond and will ask about the Planning Board Master Plan work. The Committee will need to make application to CPC for funding.

Conservation Restrictions: SC reported that the ConCom had not voted yet but anticipated that a vote will be taken at their next meeting. She will work to prepare maps and handouts to support the article at Town Meeting.

Open CPC Accounts: There was a discussion of the balances in the Committee accounts. It was decided to not close out any of the balances at this time.

Pratt Improvements: SC discussed improving the conditions at the site of the barn demolition and the possibility of using the funds remaining in the Pratt Trail account. The Committee has been invited to the CPC meeting on April 13th to discuss. SC believes the current concerns for the property are public safety, environmental damage to wetlands and priority habitats from soil erosion, overgrowth of invasive plants and aesthetic concerns for abutters. The Town Administrator is arranging with DPW to have construction debris removed and access from South River Street blocked. SM suggested this be presented in phases with phase one being site prep.

Executive Session for Real Property Updates:

At 8:16 pm, SC made a motion 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. Second CCH. Roll call vote: SC yes, CCH yes, SM yes, CC yes, SG yes and KO yes.

**Submitted by
Karen O'Donnell, Clerk**