

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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 7:08 pm. Members present Sue MacCallum (SM), Karen O'Donnell (KO) and Steve Goodhue (SG). Craig C. Hannafin (CCH) and Chris Ciocca (CC) were absent.

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

After discussion, it was decided to meet again on June 9, 2022.

Conservation Restrictions Update: SC reported that the CRs are in the first draft stage. Language will be added to allow vehicular traffic in the camping area, a structure to support the port-a-potty and the use of overnight tents and platforms. Wildlands will send SC an updated draft for review and distribution to a small group. After discussion, KO, SC, Art Lage (ConCom) and one other designee will review. Any changes to draft would go back to Wildlands and then to Atty. Galvin for review before submitting to the State. There is a backlog at the State level as a new reviewer is in the process of being hired.

Open Space Plan TimeLine: SC reported that, based on a proposed timeline in the last RFP, it would be 15 months from the due date for proposals to the final plan submission. She suggested we plan on allowing 18 months, apply for CPA funding in the Fall of 2022 for a vote at STM/ATM in April 2023, RFP in June 2023, hire consultant and prepare OSRP for November 2024 submission.

Pratt Property Update: SC reported that, per Town Counsel, the balance in the Pratt trail account cannot be used for a wetland delineation. For safety reasons, an emergency order from ConCom to finish debris removal from the demolition was challenged by the flood plain manager, Andrew Stewart. He has contacted the DEP. It is unclear what DEP involvement will mean at this point. There was a brief discussion of a proposed plan to create parking and ADA access to the site of the demolished buildings. KO suggested that not all open space properties are suitable for ADA access. The previous trail plan provided for ADA parking and picnic tables off Willow Street. The present work on Willow Street will provide sidewalks. There is access from CVS to the rail trail, and kayak launch. Providing ADA access across the property would disturb the conservation values that we are trying to protect. The best views of the property are from the Kelville and Willow Bridges.

Open CPC Accounts: There was discussion of CPC account balances and the RTC request for \$2,042 (\$450 design, \$1325 panel, \$178 install, \$89 test prints) for signage at Pratt. After discussion, SC made a motion, subject to approval by CPC, to transfer \$2,042 from the balance of the Pratt Trail/Kayak Launch account. Seconded by SM. Unanimously approved.

The Committee will revisit the balances in the Pratt Trail/Kayak Launch, Pratt Trails Design, Jomat, Goggin and Pilgrim Trail accounts.

Executive Session for Real Property Updates:

At 8:51 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 SG. Roll call vote: SC yes, SM yes, SG yes and KO yes.

Submitted by
Karen O'Donnell, Clerk