

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD MA

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ZOOM MEETING

A meeting of the Marshfield Open Space Committee ("the Committee") was called to order by the Chair, Susan Caron (SC) at 7:15 pm. Members present : Craig Hannafin (CCH), Sue MacCallum (SM), Karen O'Donnell (KO), Chris Ciocca (CC) and Ned Bangs (NB).

1. Minutes Review: After review, SC made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for September 1, 2022 as written. Second CCH. Roll Call vote : KO yes, SC yes, SM yes, CC yes, CCH yes. NB abstained.

Next meeting : Tentatively set for 11/17 if needed.

2. Ned Bangs was welcomed to the Open Space Committee as a new member who will serve as the representative for the Recreational Trails Committee
3. Conservation Restriction Update: SC informed the committee that the draft CR for the Old Mt Skirgo property has been updated by Scott MacFaden, director of Land Protection at Wildlands Trust. The only outstanding item is the final perimeter survey plan that was completed in 2011. Dawood Engineering has informed SC the survey was finalized and SC is following up with DPW to obtain the document. The CR will be submitted to Town Counsel; Bob Galvin once the plan is obtained. The next step will be submission to the state for review.

SC reported that the CR for the Union St property is still being updated by Scott M. to include the revised language for the Couch camping area and riverbank. Once completed this document will also be submitted to Town Counsel.

4. Open Space Plan Update: SC reports that CPC voted to support our \$48,000. funding request for a consulting firm to complete the 2024 update of the Open Space Plan. The funding request will go to Spring Annual Town Meeting .
5. Land Acquisition Policy: SC reports that the policy for Land Acquisition procedures was revised on July 7, 2022 by the Select Board. Policy changes were discussed. Concerns were raised that the distribution list for Appraisals contains too many departments to ensure that confidentiality is maintained. Some on the list are not relevant to land acquisitions for conservation. A 14 day comment period seems too long and the delay could interfere with negotiations and other deadlines. SM expressed concern about requiring that land owners share appraisals they may have. She states it would be preferable to ask but not require it.

Executive Session for Real Property Updates: At 7:30 pm SC 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. Second CC, Roll Call vote: KO yes, SM yes, CC yes, CCH yes, SC yes. NB exited meeting prior to executive session as he is awaiting being sworn in by the the town clerk.

Submitted by : Susan Caron, Chair