

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
MARSHFIELD TOWN HALL, MARSHFIELD, MA
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ZOOM MEETING, 7 pm

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

Ned Bangs (NB), resident and member of the Recreation Trails Committee (RTC) was also present on the Zoom call.

Minutes Review: After review, SC made a motion to approve the regular session minutes for June 9, 2022, as written. **Second CC. ROLL CALL VOTE: CC yes, KO yes, CCH yes and SC yes.**

After discussion, it was decided to tentatively meet again on a date TBD in October or November using the Zoom format.

Conservation Restrictions Update: SC reported that revised text regarding the Couch camping area has been submitted for inclusion on the Conservation Commission agenda for September 7. It is hoped that the Commission will accept this draft for submission to Wildlands Trust as the next step. Substantial changes have been made to allow for camping and maintenance of the site, including work to address the erosion on the riverbank. Wildlands Trust has been working with us to prepare the new language. If they accept the changes, a draft will be sent to Bob Galvin and then submitted to the state. There was a discussion of work that DPW will be doing to change the access to the Cemetery and an expansion that will allow for many new gravesites. KO wondered if there is a new Conservation Management Plan (CMP). Without seeing the site plan, it is not clear if the access change will have any effect on how you will access the camping area. SC will follow up.

Land Acquisition Policy: SC reported that the Select Board met to ratify a new policy for land acquisitions and neither SC or the Committee were notified or consulted. The new policy does not differ in any significant way from what we have been doing for years. A copy of the policy is attached. It was noted that the distribution of the appraisal was way too broad to keep negotiation confidential. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

Pratt Property Update: SC reminded members of Town Counsel's decision that approximately \$15,000 left in Pratt accounts could not be used for signage, ADA access at the Keville Bridge or a wetland delineation. NB reported that ADA access to the Keville footbridge will be addressed when the new water line is placed over the bridge trail as part of the entire project. SC asked NB about work on the access from the Willow Street parking area. SC & NB will walk the property in that area. NB reported that Cindy Castro has grant money for historical markers and would like one near the Catalpa Tree. Trail Ambassadors will keep area cleared for trails.

Committee Membership: SC reported that we are down two positions and need to replace Steve Goodhue after his resignation following a move out of town. SC will reach out to RTC, Recreation and CPC to fill the open seats. The RTC is scheduled to meet on September 13th and NB will bring up the need for a member to join the Committee. It was noted that recent

changes in Committee positions, a contact number and appointment dates should be updated on the Committee's town website page.

Executive Session for Real Property Updates:

At 7:20 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: CC yes, KO yes, CCH yes, and SC yes.**

Submitted by:
Karen O'Donnell, Clerk