



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, December 4, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Committee members present: Andy Magee, Dick Hatfield, Terry Maitland, Matthew Mostoller, Will Hill, Dave Martin (Select Board liaison), Ray Yacoubi, Dave Marshall, Tom Tidman (NR liaison)

Committee members absent: none

Recording Secretary and Zoom Host: Fran Portante

Attendees: Susan Mitchell-Hardt; Christa Collins; Joe Will

Terry Maitland read the virtual meeting instructions and disclaimer for panelists and attendees.

I. Regular Business

Review of meeting minutes of October 23, 2020: Terry **moved** to accept the minutes, Will seconded the motion and a roll call vote was unanimous.

II New/Special Business

Triangle Farm: no update

Hebert Farm: Peggy Hebert has joined the Agricultural Commission, with her son Joe as an associate member.

Dog Park: the Board of Selectmen has approved the Main Street location for the new Dog Park

Wetherbee Street: To be addressed in Executive Session

Stonefield Farm: To be addressed in Executive Session

Agricultural Commission Meeting: Andy, Christa, and Tom met with the Commission last Tuesday. A discussion around Morrison Farm came up. Maureen Bodner is leading the effort to have a Conservation Restriction placed on the property. Joe Will questioned the cost of the town holding CRs. Susan pointed out that there was an initial cost to get the CR established but that is usually built into the purchase price and on-going maintenance only involved an annual monitoring report with no additional costs. Terry asked if the Agricultural Commission could hold a CR and Christa said they could.

Community Preservation Filing: The filing with the Community Preservation Committee is due by Dec. 16, but Andy was informed by Joe Will that it should have been submitted to the Selectman for their review earlier. However, the Committee had not yet voted a dollar amount for the request.

Executive Session: Andy asked for a motion to move into Executive session for the purpose of considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at Martin, Liberty, Stow Streets in Acton under purpose 6, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the negotiating position of the public body. Terry so **moved**, while amending motion to include Susan and Christa. The roll-call vote was unanimous.

Andy asked for a second motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at 19 & 35 Wetherbee Street in Acton under purpose 6, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the negotiating position of the public body. Terry **moved** and included Christa and Susan. The roll-call vote was unanimous.

At 8:29, Terry **moved** that the Committee return to regular session. Ray seconded the motion, the roll-call for was unanimous, and the regular session was resumed.

A short discussion led to the Committee concurring that the CPA Allocation for the coming year should be consistent with the Committee's historical allocation requests, which had been \$400,000. Proposed purchases would not be included in the request letter. However, the presentation to the BoS and eventually to the CPC could include details about any upcoming proposed purchases.

Motion: Terry moved that the Committee should request \$400,000 for the Open Space Set Aside Fund from the CPC.

Andy would get the request to the BoS by the following Monday.

Terry **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Andy seconded, and the roll call vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM

Additional materials can be found here: None

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