

Minutes of the Open Space Committee

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Members Present: Ann Marie Pilch, George Johnson, James Keast, Mike O'Brien, Rachel Kane
Members Absent: Lixy Carey, John Vosburg

General Topics:

Notes: Lixy Carey was note taker for the June meeting. No meeting minutes were reviewed.

It was discovered that the Conservation Restriction on the Town Forest lands was not registered with the Mass Forest and Land Organization. George Johnson suggested redoing the CR and transfer it to the TTOR but that may require a land survey, which would cost approximately \$20K. Rachel Kane suggested that we hold Mass Forestry accountable rather than redo and resurvey the CR/Property. Ann Marie also indicated that the CR might have not been fully voted on as well. Rachel and Mike have volunteered to investigate this issue and also reach out to the TTOR to determine the most economical way to get the CR registered.

Kase Property:

Mr. Kase has decided to place a solar farm in a secluded area on his property and as a result a portion of the land will need to come out of Chapter 61A and be rezoned industrial. The committee's view is that this action accomplishes our Open Space goal of preserving the open land and maintaining the aesthetic value of the property.

Rachel Kane made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectman to not exercise the Town's Right of First Refusal for the portion of lands to be used for the solar farm. Mike O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Warren Woods:

Northeastern will not move forward with a purchase and sale on the back parcel of property of Warren Woods located in Holliston until the front (failed development) portion is sold, which is now dependent on permitting.

George Johnson made a motion to leave regular session and enter Executive Session to discuss matters related to real property and not return into regular session. Rachel Kane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously as follows: Ann Marie Pilch – yes, James Keast - yes, Rachel Kane – yes, George Johnson – yes, Mike O'Brien – yes.