

Minutes of the Open Space Committee

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Members Present: George Johnson, Ann Marie Pilch, Lixy Carey, James Keast, John Vosburg, Rachel Kane

Guests: John Beling, Pat Doering

Candidate Interview #1: John Beling.

John was an Open Space Committee founder but left due to family time demands. He is seeking to return to the Committee now that his children are grown. John is an Environmental Lawyer at the DEP doing brown-field work for the State of Massachusetts Attorney General. He is very experienced in Environmental Law. He was deeply involved in the Fairbanks property acquisition.

General Topics:

Ann Marie made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of January 12, 2015 as amended. John seconded the motion which passed unanimously; Rachel abstaining.

Frank Chamberlin emailed both Lixy and George to indicate that there is a plan to put solar panels on the property across from the High School. It was discussed that this action does not involved the Open Space Committee.

Rachel Kane will be stepping down from the Open Space Committee when her term expires in June as she is moving out of town. John Vosburg will be taking over the Paul property review from Rachel. It was noted that we are waiting to review the appraisal of the Paul property. Rachel indicated that she will look into the status.

Warren Woods:

Ann Marie discussed that the draft Warren Woods Conservation Restriction is modeled off of the CR from the adjacent lands. It was noted that some of the designated areas i.e. Highland Street being a scenic road, open fields, etc. would not apply to the Holliston Warren Woods property. Ann Marie is compiling all of the CR review comments from Open Space and the Conservation Commission and will submit them to Mass Audubon.

It was also discussed that the \$150K funded by the Open Space funds, on behalf of Mass Audubon, would need to be returned to the Open Space acquisition fund.

Rogers Road Property:

Conservation Restriction - Ann Marie brought a sample CR from the Mass Farm Bureau for a property with similar uses as the Rogers Road property. The document needs a lot of work. The committee members are to review the document and come to the next meeting with comments/edits.

The house can stay but it is unclear who is responsible for the maintenance of the structure. It was discussed that the maintenance of the structure is outside of the Open Space Committee's scope.

Rachel Kane made a motion to approve the payment of \$130 to PJ Kelly for soil testing of the land on the Rogers Road property. Ann Marie seconded. All in favor.

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Candidate Interview #2: Pat Doering

Has lived in the general area for most of his life and has resided in Holliston for the past 15 years. He has a degree in physics. He knows Lixy who recommended that he interview for the vacant position on the Open Space Committee. He is interested in helping make things better in town by preserving open space and the town's rural character. He is an active outdoorsman, active in the school system and coaching sports. He has government contracting and proposal experience.

Candidate Review:

It was agreed to extend an offer to John Beling to fill the current vacancy on the Open Space Committee. It was further agreed to wait to extend an offer to Pat Doering until a second Committee vacancy is finalized at the end of June.

Ann Marie made a motion to recommend John Beling to the Board of Selectmen to fill the current Open Space Committee vacancy and to recommend Pat Doering (sp??) to fill a seat on the Committee that will become vacant at the end of June. Rachel Kane seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Lixy will inform the two candidates as well as Paul Lebau of the committee's recommendations.

John Vosburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rachel Kane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.