

# **Minutes of the Open Space Committee**

## **February 19, 2013**

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

**Members Absent:** John Vosburg, Mike O'Brien

### **General Topics:**

George Johnson made a motion to approved the minutes as amended for January 15, 2013 regular session. Rachel Kane seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

George Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for January 15, 2013 executive session. Rachel Kane seconded the motion which passed unanimously as follows: Ann Marie Pilch – yes, James Keast - yes, Lixy Carey – yes, Rachel Kane – yes, George Johnson – yes.

Lixy Carey made a motion to approved the minutes as amended for May 1, 2012 regular session. George Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously as follows: Ann Marie Pilch – yes, James Keast - yes, Lixy Carey – yes, Rachel Kane – yes, George Johnson – yes.

A landowner by the rail trail in Holliston would like to donate or possibly sell to Holliston but does not want public access as part of the terms of the deal. The committee discussed that we were not interested in acquiring lands that are blocked from public access. It was discussed that we need additional details from the landowner.

George Johnson indicated that comments on the Conservation Restriction from the Town Counsel for the NSTAR land have been received and he is reviewing. Rachel Kane requested to review the comments as well. George Johnson will consolidate the review comments and report back to the Town Counsel.

### **Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:**

Rachel Kane submitted edits to Karen Sherman today. Ann Marie will email copies for the committee to review prior to next meeting. There are two outstanding areas for review; 1) The plan's goals and objectives and 2) The action plan. There were discussions held on what should be the goal for the minimum percentage of land to be permanently protected as open space in Holliston. It was decided that 25% was an appropriate amount.

Lixy Carey will contact Karen Sherman to understand specifically what the committee is to review and provide comments on.

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