

# Minutes of the Open Space Committee

## August 11, 2014

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

**Members Absent:** Mike O'Brien

### **General Topics:**

Rachel Kane made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of June 12, 2014 as amended. George Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mike O'Brien's schedule is such that he is looking to resign from the Open Space Committee. Ann Marie Pilch indicated that he needs to write a formal letter of resignation to the Committee.

Ann Marie Pilch made a motion to allow for Lixy Carey and Rachel Kane to sign for Open Space invoices that have been approved by the Committee's approval process. John Vosburg seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Rachel Kane indicated that when visiting the Open Space page on the town website that it was not updated with the latest Committee members. Lixy Carey offered to contact the town to have the site updated.

### **Warren Woods:**

The Purchase and Sale agreement for the back parcel of property (behind the Summit Point subdivision) has been signed. However, the execution of the agreement cannot move forward until the sale of the Summit Point subdivision is finalized.

### **Bullard Farm:**

The Committee has decided to stop engaging with the Bullard Farm Memorial Trust (BFMT) and will cease any further engagement unless approached again by the BFMT. It was discussed that the funding allocated for the Bullard Farm Conservation Restriction purchase (from the Open Space fund and Community Preservation Committee fund) can be re-allocated back to their respective sources.

Ann Marie Pilch made a motion to return funding from the CPC and Open Space for the CR purchase on Bullard Farm back to the respective organizations. George Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Adams Street/Town Forest:**

Rachel Kane will be taking over the project of discussing with property owners the acquisition of landlocked parcels in the property.

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### **Serocki Land (34 Rogers Road):**

It was discussed that a developer wants to purchase the Serocki property at 34 Rogers Road to build industrial structures. Due to the 61A restrictions on the property the Town of Holliston has first right of refusal on the acquisition of this property. Ann Marie indicated that she will look into what is needed from the town (full purchase and sale agreement, offer to purchase, etc) as it relates to reviewing the options associated with the first right of refusal potential acquisition.

Lixy Carey discussed that a site visit is necessary as a part of the process. Lixy will make the arrangements and report back to the committee.

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Ann Marie Pilch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Vosburg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.