

Minutes of the Open Space Committee

November 3, 2014

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

Members Absent: Mike O'Brien,

General Topics:

Mike O'Brien has not submitted a formal resignation letter, but did send an email. Lixy will check with Paul Lebeau to see if the email is sufficient so that the committee can begin recruiting for a replacement member.

Lixy indicated that the town website has been updated with the current committee members' names.

John Vosburg made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of August 11, 2014 as amended. Rachel Kane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

John Vosburg made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of October 14, 2014 as amended. George Johnson seconded the motion, which passed as follows; George Johnson - Yes, Lixy Carey - Yes, James Keast - Yes, John Vosburg - Yes, Ann Marie Pilch - abstention, Rachel Kane - Yes.

John Vosburg made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of March 10, 2014 as amended. George Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Serocki Land (34 Rogers Road):

Ann Marie Pilch discussed that the Holliston Housing Trust visited the house on the property to see if it could be used as affordable housing. They have an interest in the house only if they could get it for free. At this point in time this appears not to be a feasible option however Lixy will check with Paul Lebeau.

Next steps are to find a holder of the Conservation Restriction. The Trustees of Reservations, Mass Audubon or the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust are possible candidates. It was suggested to identify the CR holder for the adjacent lands in Sherborn as well. There was discussion that the abutting lands in Sherborn may not be preserved as open space, as there is conflicting information in the records. Ann Marie Pilch will investigate and report back to the committee.

Lixy Carey will inquire with Paul Lebeau as to the actual owner of the property (Selectmen, Conservation Commission, etc) once sold to the town.

James Keast discussed who would be responsible for maintaining the barn/shed on the property, as it will need to be kept structurally sound for public use. It was decided to wait until the close of the sale before outlining the maintenance of the structure.

Warren Woods:

Ann Marie Pilch is waiting for the draft copy of the Conservation Restriction for the back parcel of land and will circulate to the committee for review when available.

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George Johnson made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of real estate matters and to not return into Regular Session. James Keast seconded the motion, which passed unanimously as follows: George Johnson - Yes, Lixy Carey - Yes, James Keast - Yes, John Vosburg - Yes, Ann Marie Pilch - Yes, Rachel Kane . Yes.