

Minutes of the Open Space Committee

December 8, 2014

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

Members Absent: John Vosburg, Rachel Kane, Michael O'Brien

Also Attending: Members of the Holliston Agricultural Commission and Robert Blair from the Holliston Reporter.

Serocki Property:

The Agricultural Commission (Ag Comm) members had several questions and comments related to the Property:

- Can the house on the property stay rather than be torn down? Lixy will discuss this possibility with Paul LeBeau and report back.
- Is the Holliston Housing Trust interested in the house? Lixy believes that they are not interested but will check and report back.
- The Ag Comm suggested that the house could be updated and maintained by separate funding.
- It was discussed that CPC funds might be an option for maintenance of the house, but the use of these funds are very restrictive and it may not be possible.

It was discussed if both a Conservation Restriction (CR) and an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) is needed on the property. The opinion of the committee is that only one is needed. Lixy will check with Paul LeBeau to confirm. As far as the holder of the CR or APR it was discussed that we can speak with the Mass Farm Bureau Federation, Mass Audubon, Trustees of Reservation or the Upper Charles Land Trust. It was noted that the fee for CR holding by the Upper Charles Land Trust are very high and therefore not a likely option.

General Session:

Minutes Review: Ann Marie made a motion to approve the November 3, 2014 Regular Session and Executive Session meeting minutes as amended. George Johnson seconded the motion, which pass unanimously.

Ann Marie made a motion to approve the April 28, 2014 Regular Session meeting minutes as amended. James Keast seconded the motion, which pass unanimously.

Mike O'Brien is officially no longer a member of the Committee and we can begin recruiting for his replacement.

Ann Marie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by James Keast. The motion passed unanimously.