

Minutes of the Open Space Committee

March 10, 2014

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Members Present: George Johnson, Ann Marie Pilch, Lixy Carey, James Keast,
Members Absent: Rachel Kane, John Vosburg, Mike O'Brien

General Topics:

Lixy Carey made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of January 27, 2014 as amended. George Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed the Executive Session meeting minutes for the 2013 year to determine if they could be released to the public. Lixy Carey made a motion to release Executive Session meeting minutes dated January 15, 2013 and February 19, 2013. George Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bullard Farm:

George Johnson talked with the Trustees Of Reservations (TTOR) about soliciting funding options and/or enlisting their support for funding the Conservation Restriction acquisition on the Bullard Farm. The TTOR stated that they do not have the capacity to do this.

George Johnson also suggested that we could talk with the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust to potentially work with them to raise funds via their 501(c)(3). George Johnson will be meeting with them next week to discuss.

Lixy Carey indicated that she will look for possible funding via philanthropic resources.

The committee raised concerns that if we do not get support we will run into funding issues with this project.

Warren Woods:

Ann Marie spoke with the developer (Habitech) regarding the front parcel of land for the %Summit Point+subdivision and they indicated that they are going before the Holliston Planning Board this week and they suspect that the best timing of permitting approval will be at the end of April. Once the permitting is finalized Ann Marie will approach Bob Cronin to discuss the town's purchase of the back parcel of land.

James Keast made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.