

Minutes of the Town of Holliston
Open Space Committee
Public Session
September 8, 2014

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

Called to order 7:29 PM

Review Meeting Minutes

George made a motion to approve meeting minutes from April 28, 2014 as amended

Motion: George

Second: Ann-Marie

Passed unanimously

Serocki Parcels - 34 Rogers Road

Reviewed available funds in the Open Space Committee. Lixy will verify the actual amounts with the town account tomorrow.

Rachel, Lixy, George and Ann-Marie, along with Allen Rutburg walked the property on Sunday August 24, 2014. Parking for public access can be accommodated. There is a Boston Edison easement recorded in 1941 for the power lines that cross the property. John will get a copy of the easement to determine any restriction on access to the property. Town counsel reviewed the notice of chapter 61 right of first refusal and found it to be acceptable as to form. The Town Meeting is scheduled for October 27th. Ann-Marie brought up concerns about management of the house on the parcel. There is an option to subdivide the parcel including the house for use as affordable housing. The value of the house and associated land cannot be included in the application for CPC Open Space funds and considered separately by CPC. CPC Housing funds could be used. Lixy will ask Rachel to contact the CPC for possible extension of grant deadline (Sep. 15) for CPC funds. Ann-Marie will contact the Housing Authority to receive feedback on their interest in the parcel as open space.

Northeastern

The lawyers have all the information for closing. Closing will happen this week. Mass Audubon is prepared to start the conservation restriction process after the closing.

Winthrop Street

We agree with the conservation agent that the property is not worth purchasing. Though we would be interested in the land as a donation.

Bullard Street

George clarified with Jack Hathaway (Pres of Bullard Memorial Farm Board) that the lifting of the restriction on public access is a prerequisite to restarting the process of acquiring a CR on the Bullard parcel.

George made a motion to adjourn public session not to return at 8:49pm. Ann-Marie seconded, passed unanimously.