



## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 21, 2018

Time: 7:05 PM

Place: Town Hall Meeting Room B-2

### ATTENDEES:

#### Members:

David Feldman

Caleb Garone

Katie Hone

Ralph Williams

Will Holton

Wayne Castonguay, Co-chair

#### Associate Members:

Ed Monnelly

Larry Eliot

Sissy ffolliott

#### Staff:

Hannah Wilbur, Open Space Manager

### Meeting Agenda:

#### 1. Citizen Queries: None

#### 2. Acceptance of minutes from April 23, 2018 meeting

The minutes for the open session for April 23, 2018 were accepted by unanimous vote on a motion by David Feldman and seconded by Ralph Williams

#### 3. Pony Express Update

David offered a review of the progress on this property and said nothing much has happened this past month. The stable building is still slated to be demolished. The trails are open for use but the playing fields are off limits until further notice. Dawn to dusk hours of use are in force. It was noted by Ed Monnelly that the split rail fence along Candlewood Rd. has been repaired and several new posts and rails have been installed.

#### 4. Parcel priorities:

Committee members continued work on the OS priority ranking list. It was decided that the parcels which are *conserved* will be listed separately. Further discussion centered on grouping of the parcels.

## **5. Touring Open Space Bond Parcels**

The committee discussed touring open space bond parcels as an organized group. Hannah has arranged the tour which will take place on June 8, 2018 with OS members and others meeting at Town Hall at 9:15 AM rain or shine. Nine people, including Town Manager Tony Marino are expected to attend. It was decided that we would visit six sites. Hannah will coordinate the transportation and sequence the visits geographically for best use of mileage and time.

## **6. Kozeneski**

Discussion centered on Hannah's report that the Select Board had signed an agreement with Symes agreeing to the general layout of the project as has been discussed. Town Meeting passed the warrant article that increased the number of houses which could be sited on a common driveway from 5 to 8. Symes is still refining the overall plan of 46 houses total on both sides of Linebrook Rd. Planning Board review and acceptance of this Open Space Residential Development will be on their docket soon.

## **7. Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated**

Hannah reported that the Town Treasurer is looking at 161 Topsfield Rd. since it has been taken by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

## **8. Executive Session for Discussion of Land Acquisition**

At 8:35 pm on a motion by Ralph Williams and seconded by Caleb Garone, members took a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing land acquisition plans and negotiations. At 9:02 pm on a motion by David Feldman and seconded by Caleb Garone, members took a unanimous roll call vote to exit Executive Session.

## **9. Next Meeting**

June 25, 2018 7:00 pm

## **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

9:08 pm Motion made by Caleb Garone and seconded by David Feldman to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Holton

*Minutes accepted and approved June 23, 2018*