

Open Space Committee

Wed., December 19, 2018

Minutes

- I. **Call to order at 3:30pm:** Carrie Rennie, Mel Briggles, Dawn Ackerman and Sandy Venner were present. Minutes for August 30, 2018 meeting were approved. Guests Susan Moses, consultant, and Vanessa Hall, ECGA, also attended.
- II. **Next Steps for Finalizing Open Space Plan – Susan Moses:** Sue provided a written overview of the items that would need to be addressed for the Open Space Plan to be approved. Carrie will work with MVPC to ensure the maps cover everything required. Mel will use the ADA forms to determine the status of all the improved town-owned open space property. Sandy will revise the goals and objectives to be better aligned with DCS requirements and fill in the missing material on the land inventory for which Sue will create the charts. Sue will meet again with the committee in January or February when this draft work has been completed.

Motion was made, seconded and supported by all to have Carrie proceeding with preparing the warrant for the first payment of \$1,500 for Susan Moses from the Open Space Special Article.

- III. **Next steps to support ECGA land purchase – Vanessa Hall:** \$70,000 has been raised to-date for the purchase of the land on Battis Road. ECGA has not heard from the state regarding the \$75,000 grant request, but expects to receive it. Greenbelt may make further appeals for donations to offset the purchase costs. The closing on the property will be 12/28. It has tentatively been decided to call the property Beaver Pond Conservation Area.

IV. Other Trail Access and Maintenance

- **Update Town Forest Trail maps:** Carrie has not heard from Dave Collins as to when/if he will finish the updates of the Town Forest trail maps. She will email him to find out the status.
- **Poplar Hill open space restriction and trail provision:** Sandy wanted to remind the committee that language permitting a trail in this property has been recorded on the deed with the Conservation Commission responsible for oversight of the open space land.
- **Clearing Innis Trail in Spring and repair of Marshview Trail:** Dawn will talk to the Boy Scouts to see if there is interest in taking on these projects.

- V. **Scheduling next meeting date:** The next meeting will be Jan. 17th at 7:00pm.

Sandra Venner

January 10, 2019