

Open Space Committee

Mon., June 18, 2018

MINUTES



- I. **Call to Order:** Carrie Rennie, David Collins and Sandy Venner present. Minutes for May 31, 2018 meeting were approved.
- II. **Use of Expense Funds for signs:** Dave provided examples of possible signs for Carey Park that had been sent to the BOS for their approval at their meeting tonight. Sandy made the motion and Dave 2nd and it was passed to authorize Carrie to sign a warrant for payment of the purchase of these signs and posts, not to exceed \$630.
- III. **Next Steps for ECGA land purchase:** The Committee will continue to wait to hear from Vanessa Hall as to when technicalities with the purchase are cleared and ECGA is ready to proceed with community site walks and house parties.
- IV. **Trail Improvement:** Dave said he had not heard back from the Scout Master so he will attend a meeting to see if there is interest in an Eagle Scout project to bridge wetlands on the Marshview trail or other projects. Dave reported he is ready to post the color-coded trail maps on the website.
- V. **Proposal for development of APR property on Birchmeadow:** Sandy reported that Bob Sinibaldi was interested in learning if the committee would support purchase by the Town of the APR property on Birchmeadow which is for sale. If it is permitted under APR, Bob would like to see playing fields established there to replace the unusable fields at Carriagetown Park and possibly the fields in the Town Forest. Carrie will look into whether APR land can be used in this way. The committee was okay with sale of land at Carriagetown Park to be used to purchase the APR land, but there was concern about loss of Town Forest fields.
- VI. **Blockage of McLaren Trail:** Sandy reported that someone has again raised the issue about brush and junk interfering with use of the lower end of the trail. It was agreed that Sandy will draft a letter to the BOS for Carrie's signature.
- VII. **Scheduling next Meeting:** The committee will next meet at the end of the summer or when new developments dictate.