



# TOWN OF BRIMFIELD

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## OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 16, 2014 – 6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Angela Panaccione, Chair  
Virginia Irvine, Secretary  
Michael DeFalco  
Carol Platenik

**Members Absent:** Michele Restino, Vice Chair

**Also Present:** Rob Malhert, Trail Committee Chair

**Meeting Opens:** 6:22 PM – Angela Panaccione

### Minutes Approval:

Motion made by Angela to accept minutes from Thursday December 19, 2013.

Motion seconded by Virginia Irvine.

No further discussion – 4-0-0.

### Review Mail/Phone Messages:

None

### Administrative Matters:

New member Carol Platenik was introduced.

### New Business/Old Business:

The PVPC Technical Assistance Grant. Angela heard from Tim Brennan, executive director of PVPC. Tim said he thinks Brimfield is on track for approval for a district local technical assistance grant with an in-kind match.

FY 15 Budget Request. Angela will submit by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Draft of the Public Survey

Angela passed out copies of the draft. The rest of the meeting time was spent discussing and trying to reduce the size of the survey. Michael pointed out that the size of the survey might be daunting for people to fill out. He suggested changes to the font to decrease the size. He also

suggested that the questions be in bold like in 12 and 13. Angela will try to get it down to 5 pages.

### **Distribution of Survey**

Virginia made motion that Carol Platenik be in charge of survey distribution.

Angela 2<sup>nd</sup>

No further discussion – 4-0-0.

Carol will communicate with PTA to bring the survey to their meetings.

Bob Sullivan, Town Clerk, will be sending out street mailers. Suggestion to add a ½ sheet publicizing the survey with that mailing.

Carol will go to Conservation Commission to ask if the Con Com will do an in kind donation for paper and ink.

Angela put draft survey and chapters of the Open Space Plan onto thumb drives for members to have.

### **Grants**

Michael asked if we will be able to get grants for land purchase once the new plan is completed.

Angela said there are grants available in the Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program and the Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity (LAND) grants run by the EOE through Division of Conservation Services. The Recreation Committee applies for the PARC grants and the ConCom applies for the LAND grants.

Angela provided members with printouts of the Brimfield Park Inventory published by the PVPC and the Brimfield BioMap2 Core Habitat Map prepared by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

### **Draft Goals for 2014**

Michael provided members with a copy of an old Shelburne Open Space and Recreation Plan which was in his files from the last Brimfield Open Space Committee. He noted that the format was good with broad Goals and specific Objectives.

Virginia makes motion that Angela send out goals and all members write objectives for approval. Michael seconded.

No further discussion – 4-0-0

### **Discussion of Major Areas for Potential Open Space Protection**

Areas discussed: Wales Brook, Area of Quaboag River and Foskett Mill Brook for habitat and drinking water. Rob mentioned area between Haynes Hill and Wales Road.

### **Discussion of Massachusetts Community Preservation Act.**

Placing article on the warrant. It was noted that the surcharge on real property was reduced to 1% of the annual real estate tax.

### **8:20 PM Adjourn**

Motion made by Michael DeFalco to adjourn

Motion seconded by Angela Panaccione

No further discussion – 4-0-0 – Motion carried