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OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS COMMITTEE

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Minutes – November 19, 2015 Meeting

Committee Members Present: Alexander Johnson, Robert Guptill, Mike Dempsey, and Michael Davis, and Jennifer Cadigan

AGENDA ITEMS

Motion to open the meeting was made by Bob Guptill and seconded by Mike Davis. Vote unanimous.

1. Minutes of Meeting

No minutes were available for approval.

2. Rail Trail/Community Trail Planning

2.1 Offroad. Mike Davis reported that the November 5, 2015 meeting with DOT was postponed. Two applications will be submitted to the CPA Committee by the December 1st deadline. One will be to design the trail from the rail trail to the Greenway on Center St. The other will be to extend the trail from Main St. to Johnson's Creek. This proposal will not include the bridge over Johnson's Creek. Cost of the bridge will be split with Haverhill. The maintenance strategy includes formation of a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity and the trail will be self-sustaining with no tax requirements.

2.2 Onroad. The Onroad piece is at the 10% design stage. However, design challenges to complete this section will require the final design to occur at a later time.

3. Trails and Trail Development Efforts

3.1 Coordination is needed with Bob Arakelian to develop a sign and kiosk for the Pines Recreation trail. Mike Dempsey walked the trails in the Greenway with the two 4th grade classes in October. Elaine Muise is coordinating their effort with Mike and he thinks that they will be marking the trail in the spring.

3.2 Alex will find a date to hold the 2016 Town Trails Day.

4. Land Acquisition

4.1 At the previous meeting, Mike Dempsey reported that Haverhill wants to build a solar farm on the Aggregate property on 3 acres in Groveland and 6 acres in Haverhill. He has contacted the solar company, but he has not heard back from them.

4.2 Mike reported that he has met with Dan McDonald to discuss dividing the Bussing property and using CPA funds to pay for some of the land. Mike will bring this up again at a later meeting.

4.3 Bob Guptill is speaking to the building inspector about the Tringate property, which is next to Veasey Park, to see about its tax status and the safety of the building.

4.4 Mike Dempsey reported that a developer has bought 45 acres of the Wood St. property. After developing two lots, the developer is willing to give the rest of the land to the Town. Mike does not know about the status of the 18 acre piece.

5. Joint Town Open Space & Trails Meeting

Alex will work to have a late Spring 2016 meeting.

6. Open Space Plan

Continuing work on updating the plan. Alex will follow up with Jerrard Witten about cost to update maps. CPA money may be best source of funding.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Meetings have been scheduled for 12/16/15 at 7:30 p.m. and 1/20/16 at 7:30 p.m.

8. Groveland Town Map Project

Tabled.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Bob Guptill to adjourn and seconded by Mike Davis at 8:56. Vote unanimous.

Respectively Submitted,



Robert Guptill
Secretary