

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Open Space Committee
From: Tom Dodd
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Members Attending:

Bill Taylor, Marcella Stasa, Mike Penko, Tom Dodd, Alan Miano

Meeting Timeline:

6:35PM

- Discussion about Thompson Property– Owner of 72 acres along Westboro Rd
 - o BT sent note to Rich Gazoorian (Chair of Recreation Comm) to see if may be interested in pursuing purchase
 - o Question of whether OS Comm is interested in pursuing land purchase/grants. Possibly try to get buy-in from Affordable Housing Comm. or Recreation Comm. Note that there is no Affordable Housing Comm.
 - o BT will get on CPC meeting agenda for November to discuss and gauge their input. Get grant for appraisal if interested.
 - o Possibly could purchase for affordable housing using CPC affordable house money – develop as an Open Space development. Ask CPC if could use affordable housing money for this. Sell development rights to developer. Sell frontage lot to defer cost.
 - o No news from DCR
 - o MP did map of lot outline
- Open Space Events
 - o Robert Thorson responded to do a presentation for \$700. Metacomet, Local Cultural Council, FUSF, Historical Society, or Open Space will be applicant. April 27, 2014 is proposed date. Lecture and walk at Peppercorn Hill
 - Motion to contribute up to \$150 from Open Space budget – ALL in Favor
 - o Oct 20 11AM – Fungus in Forest at USF
 - Motion to approve spending up to \$60 for Lawrence Millman (fungus) program – ALL in favor
- Open Space Maps
 - o MP looking to update maps this winter
 - o Now have GIS shape files from assessors. Easy to do, but might be labor intensive. Looking for volunteers. Merge coding systems. Update all Open Space parcels using Assessors maps.
 - o Get current state data layers and update. Provide any updates to state
- Miscoe Hill
 - o Planning Board Meeting. MP attended. Want to build houses in Mendon. Probably 1 lot in Upton.
 - o MP sent memo about legal status of Miscoe Hill Rd to Planning Board
- Other
 - o Motion to accept Meeting Minutes as amended of 9/9/13 – All in Favor
 - o Monthly hike at Stefans. Proposed 2nd Sunday of each Month
 - o Possible film series in winter. One movie could be “Ah Wilderness!”
Note: Ah, Wilderness! is a 1935 American film adaptation of the Eugene O'Neill play of the same name starring Wallace Beery. The film was shot in Grafton, Massachusetts, at the common in the center of town, and was directed by Clarence Brown.
 - o Planning Board – 2 new subdivisions:
 - Stanton property – Grove St, 8 houses
 - Taft St – 53 acres, 6 houses, Open Space subdivision (10 acres developed)
 - o Scenic Bylaw – no news

7:25PM Meeting Adjourned



