

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Open Space Committee
From: Tom Dodd
Re: Minutes of meeting Monday, May 11, 2014

Members Attending:

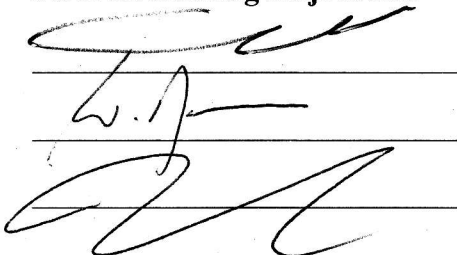
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Meeting Timeline:

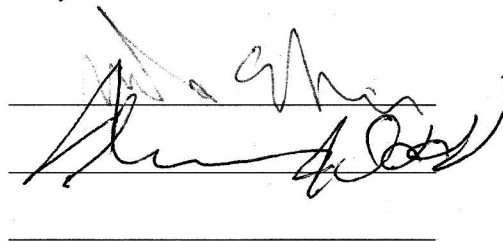
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- Thompson Property
 - o DCR visited property
 - o MS and BT attended SVT – Open Space and Land Management program in Bolton. Landscape Partnership Grant (up to \$1.5 million with reimbursement rate of 50%) could potentially be used because of proximity to USF (>500acres) with an application deadline for July 31.
 - o BT will discuss with Rena of CPC to see if there is any interest
- Losing Ground (publication of Mass Audubon) will be updated in June
- Miscoe Hill property
 - o Question about whether there is 500 acres in that area?
 - o BT will discuss with Rena as well
 - o Could bring in Mendon to help. Access through Mendon?
- Ryan property – Metacommet agreed to accept being the “holder” of property to monitor CR. Ryan will get the property assessed
- Con Comm meeting
 - o TD recused from this discussion - abutter
 - o Possibly purchase 6 acres along Mechanic St. – Map 19, Lot 21.5, 21.2
 - o All within 100’ of Mechanic St brook – not buildable
 - o Purchase as wood turtle habitat
 - o Determine if this lot was designated as Open Space or has a CR
- Open Space maps
 - o Merge town parcels with Dodson and Mass GIS
 - o MP would like to hire an Army Corp staff member for 1-2 hours to help set direction at \$60/hr. Hillary King (worked at Dodson) also a possibility
 - o Could ask about whether LIDAR could be used in mapping
 - o Need to check on funding
 - o Motion to hire Ben as GIS adviser for up to 3 hours at \$60/hour – All in favor
- Open Space Events
 - o May 4 - R Thorson Stone walls event went very well – very well attended
 - o Early June – Sunday hike at Stefans – MP 1PM
 - o Aug – Peppercorn – Nighthawk migration viewing
- Christa Collins of SVT informed Open Space group that they had taken photos of Sweet William Farm for the SVT website
- MP would like to link OS photos to town email address (currently linked to his) using picassa. Should keep back-up copies
- Backup of OS email addresses – possibly switch email list over to town’s OS list. Look into town capability for managing OS email list
- Scenic Road Bylaw – BT will attend Planning Brd meeting. Whitney subdivision is putting trees outside ROW
- Motion to accept Meeting Minutes of 4/14/14 – All in Favor
- Motion to elect Bill Taylor as Chair and Tom Dodd as Secretary – All in favor

8:30PM Meeting Adjourned



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