



OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2022
7:30 am
VIRTUAL

Present: Andy Magee, Terry Maitland, Alissa Nicol, Matt Mostoller, David Marshall

Absent: Dick Hatfield Ray Yacouby

Non-Committee Members Present: Mike Gendron, David Martin, Meredith Houghton, Karen O'Neill, Joe Will, Bill Alsbury, Alexandra Wahlstrom, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Michela Moran.

1. Opening

Chair A.Magee opened the meeting at 7:35 a.m.

2. Regular Business

- A. Review – Wetherbee and Triangle Farms were discussed briefly. Ray Lyons, Attorney for the Wetherbee property owners, contacted A.Magee by email the prior weekend for an update. A.Magee relayed there was still interest and that the property was to be discussed by the Open Space Committee (OSC) in Executive Session today. Sen. Eldridge mentioned to A.Magee in passing that he was meeting with the son of the owner of the Triangle Farm property and believed that the property may be coming to market soon..

3. New/Special Business

A. Open Space Committee and Recreation Plan.

S.Mitchel-Hardt expressed concern that the OSRP Working Group was not fully recognizing the Town peoples' interest in protecting open space. She noted that the OSRP public forum identified eleven CPA funded recreation projects, but only one open space project, while over the same time period there were eleven completed open space projects, nine of which were funded by CPA. The current plan also drops the goal of protecting the "rural character" of the Town. D.Martin and A.Nicol suggested that the term "rural character" may be construed as exclusionary. It was generally agreed that the term "character" should be dropped and that the actual rural components of the Town be recognized.

The Acton Conservation Trust has prepared a comment letter addressing the above and other issues. A.Magee suggested the letter be distributed to the OSC. K.O'Neill volunteered to act of the OSC liaison to the OSRP Working Group.

B. OSC Membership



A.Magee reminded the OSC that he will be stepping down at the end of his term in June. D.Hatfield has indicated he will be leaving the OSC. K.O'Neill's membership as an Associate Member will be voted by the Select Board on Monday. It was suggested that if D.Hatfield resigned by Monday, D.Martin could move K.O'Neill nomination to full member status. M.Mostoller indicated he will be stepping back, but A.Wahlstrom (Water District Environmental Analyst) will step into his role. It was noted that R.Yacouby (Planning Board representative) is moving out of town and, hence, a new liaison from the Planning Board will need to be identified.

4. Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the purpose, exchange, lease or value of real properties located at 549 Main Street and 19 and 35 Wetherbee Street, Acton, under purpose 6, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the negotiating position of the public body, and come out only to end the meeting and to include K.O'Neill, M.Gendron, S.Mitchel-Hardt, A.Wahlstrom, M.Houghton, D.Martin, and B.Alesbury, Roll call vote unanimous to go into executive session.

The Executive Session ended at 8:40

5. Motion to conclude regular meeting unanimous.

Next meeting January 6, 2023 at 7:30am. T.Maitland to Chair.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- None

Voted in the Affirmative February 3, 2023