



**Town of Acton
Open Space Committee**

Meeting Minutes

October 4th 2024

7:15 AM VIRTUAL and in Person

Acton Town Hall Room 126, 472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

Committee Members Present: Karen O'Neill (Chairing Meeting Co-Chair, Full Member), Terry Maitland (Co-Chair), Matt Mostoller (Full Member, AWD), Michaela Moran (Planning Board Liaison), Brandon Comstock (Full Member)

Committee Members Absent: Bettina Abe (Full Member)

Non-Committee Members Present: Olivia Barksdale (Conservation Agent), Ian Bergemann (Community Conservation Specialist), Susan Mitchell-Hardt (ACT)

Meeting Open

7:32am. Terry Maitland, Co-Chair called the meeting to order and conducted roll call.

I. Regular Business

1. Review meeting minutes of Sept. 6 2024

- a. 7:33am. Michaela Moran moved to approve the September 6 minutes and Brandon Comstock seconded. The Co-Chair called for a roll call vote, all voted yes and Karen O'Neill abstained.

2. Status of property Conservation Restriction (any changes)

- a. 7:34am. Anderson CR. The CR is close to being done. The state requests a copy of the plan. Sudbury Valley of Trustees (STV) will reach out to the state for an update.
- Genevieve Lane posted a sign on the street stating "Private road for residents and guest only no trespassing". The Conservation Restriction (CR) in the back of Genevieve Lane has a provision for public access, and there is kiosk at the end of the street. The sign violates the CR. Ms. Barksdale or Mr. Bergemann will reach out to the residents and developer to request that they remove the sign or add language to the sign permitting pedestrian access.
- Annual CR monitoring is planned for October 16th (Gabel and Grassy Pond West), and October 23rd (Central Street and Wright Hill).

II. New Special Business



1. Review status of Wetherbee/Moritz property

- a. 7:49am. Negotiations are underway, public information is not available. Ms. Barksdale will talk to the Town Manager to see if the Conservation Department can apply for the 2025 MVP Grant. The Expression of Interest for the grant is due November 1st.

2. Review grant opportunities

- a. No updates

3. Any updates on Donald land or other parcels?

- a. No updates on Donald
- b. 7:58am Hebert Property, previously reached out to landowner initially interested, the town did an appraisal but the parties decided not to move forward. OSC suggested an APR on the land but the landowners not interested. Land is enrolled in Chapter 61.
- c. 8:06am Morrison Property, an APR is drafted. It's difficult to have an active farm that is open to active recreation. The Select Board does not want to restrict the land around the house, it might make it virtually making it unusable. The Select Board also wants the public to weigh in on the use of the property.

4. Next Meeting / Meeting Times / Meeting Location

- a. November 1, 2024. Acton Town Hall Room 126,

III. Consent Items

- 1. None

IV. Next Meeting:

- 1. November 1, 2024

- a. 8:25am. The Chair called for a vote to close the meeting. Mr. Mostoller moved to close and Mr. Maitland seconded, all voted yes ending the meeting.