

Town of Harvard
Open Space Committee Meeting
January 29, 2020
Minutes- Approved 2/28/20

Attendees: Rich Maiore (BOS), Peter Dorward (ConCom), Jim Lee (HCT), Jarrett Rushmore (Planning Board), Doug Thornton (Park & Rec), Linda Dwight (School), Jo-Anne Crystoff (member at large)

Also attending: Chris Ryan (Town Planner), Liz Allard (Town Conservation Agent)

Maiore opened the meeting by asking participants to make introductions.

Maiore provided context for the creation of the committee and expectations of the Select Board. Dorward added further history on the issues and challenges of a coordinated and proactive approach to identification of open land in town.

Dorward explained funding options available to the town once an appropriate tract of land has been identified by the committee.

Maiore called for selection of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Committee. By unanimous vote, Dorward was selected as Chair. It was suggested that a representative of the Recreation community serve as Vice Chair. As several of those members were absent, the selection of a vice chair was postponed until the next meeting.

Committee discussed different needs and criteria for land designated for open space vs. land designated for recreational needs.

Committee decided on a monthly meeting with majority of attendees agreeing on meeting in early morning vs. at night.

Committee discussed having an update for the Select Board by this summer.

Next Meeting: Last week in February

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