

Minutes of the Open Space Committee Oct. 14, 2021

Attendance: Peter Dorward, Linda Dwight, Paul Cohen, Brian Cook, Dan Daly, Jim Lee, Liz Allard.

Right Of First Refusal (ROFR) discussion concerning the Ferguson property on Glenview Drive. Peter described the parcel, which is currently in Chap 61B, and how it is to be divided, one parcel retaining the current house, and one additional buildable house lot. As the new lot does not abut any existing ConCom land there was minimal criteria to see it as important to conserve. On the Rec space side, Dan Daley described the new lot as too small and isolated to qualify as potential Rec Space land. Vote to recommend to the SB that the ROFR be not exercised
6-0 to not exercise ROFR

Map update: Peter described the new updates to the Open Space GIS map. New assessor's data is now included, identified newly acquired Harvard Conservation Trust (HCT) "protected" parcels as well as newly acquired Conservation Restriction (CR) parcels. Also added additional small parcels of municipal lands.

As for potential Rec land map, Peter showed new map showing all parcels in town that have at least 3 acres of less than 4% slope, that are outside of wetlands and well protection zones. Also included parcels that are too "spread out" in regard to level lands. In other words, if the property has greater than 3 acres of level but those 3 acres are spread out over 20 acres, then it is disqualified. Vote to accept the map as currently drawn for parcels to consider for Rec land acquisition.
6-0 to accept

CPC update: Jim updated the committee that the two CPC requests for funds for Community Harvest Project (CHP) APR and the Still River Woods (SRW) land have been brought to the Conservation Commission for their review. As there were question of some of the details of the amounts for the projects were HCP \$100K, and SRW \$50K.

CPIC field application: Dan Daly updated the committee saying that the Rec subgroup has brought the Rec Field request to Park and Rec, and the School Committee and both groups have signed on as co-submitters. The group is currently waiting for time slot to explain the request to the CPIC.

Approval of Minutes of 9/9/21.

With one change, that Peter was not allowed to vote in regard to CHP project request and thus the vote should show that he was dis-allowed. As elimination of his vote would not change the outcome it was agreed that the minutes are excepted as modified.
5-0 to accept minutes

Agreed to next meeting date of 11/4/2021.

Vote to adjourn meeting. Unanimous 6-0

Submitted by Jim Lee