

Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 25, 2015

Time: 7:10 PM

Place: Room C, Ipswich Town Hall

Attendees:

Members:

Wayne Castonguay, Chair

Gordon Harris

Bill Holton

Ralph Williams

Katie Hone

Staff: Michelle Vaillancourt, Open Space Program Manager

Associates:

Jim Berry

Andy Crocknell

Larry Eliot

Sissy ffolliott

Ed Monnelly

Dave Standley

Meeting Agenda

- 1. Citizens' Queries:** None
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the draft minutes of the open and executive sessions of June 27, 2016 was moved by Eliot, seconded by Holton and approved by unanimous vote.
- 3. Committee Membership:** Gordon Harris, the Town Historian and former chair of the Historic Commission, was welcomed as the new member of the OSC.
- 4. Old Business:**
 - a.) Farmer's Market

Castonguay reported on the Saturday Farmer's Market sessions to date. The first two sessions had low attendance and a few farmers. Participation was better for the last session, although neither the Agricultural Commission nor the Three Sisters farm were in attendance. He recommends continuing the participation by the Open Space Committee. The markets are held Saturdays from 9 to 12 AM, and coverage for August 20 and 27 are needed. Contact Will Holton to participate.

5. New Business:

a.) North Shore Housing in partnership with Harbor Light Community has inquired about potential for a "friendly" 40B as a partial development of an existing undeveloped parcel, in connection with acquisition of the parcel using the Open Space Bond Authorization. It was pointed out that such an acquisition by the Selectmen would have to be for "General Municipal Purposes", to be subsequently subdivided with a portion resold for development and the remainder transferred by Town Meeting action to some other entity, e.g., the Conservation Commission or the Water Department.

It was also pointed out that the town may have a strong interest in acquiring the Kozoneski property for water supply purposes.

b. ffolliott stated that with continued development and the associated reduction in wildlife habitat along Rte. 1 there is a need for ensuring wildlife passage across that highway, lest the "West Ipswich" section of town be isolated.

6. Executive Session: The Chair requested a motion to adjourn the open session meeting to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing potential acquisition of three parcels under active consideration. Williams so moved, Harris seconded, and the roll-call vote was unanimous in favor the motion. The Committee adjourned the open session and entered executive session at 7:56 PM.

7. Next Meeting Date: August 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM, location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

David Standley, Secretary