



## **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 23, 2018

Time: 7:05 PM

Place: Town Hall Meeting Room B-2

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Members:

Andy Brengle, Co-chair

Caleb Garone

Katie Banks Hone

Ralph Williams

Will Holton

Wayne Castonguay, Co-chair

#### Associate Members:

Ed Monnelly

#### Staff:

Hannah Wilbur, Open Space Manager

### **Meeting Agenda:**

#### **1. Citizen Queries: None**

#### **2. ACCEPTANCE OF MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

The draft minutes for open session minutes for March 26, 2018 were accepted by unanimous vote on a motion by Ralph Williams and seconded by Katie Banks Hone.

#### **3. PARCEL PRIORITIES**

Committee members reviewed the list of unprotected parcels on the master list to update their rankings as priorities for open space acquisition and conservation. The categories are HIGH, MEDIUM and LOW with additional sub-ranking of the same categories within each ranking. As discussed, a high priority parcel could be a medium-high or a high-high within the HIGH group.

#### **4. TOURING OPEN SPACE PARCELS**

The committee discussed the idea of touring open space bond parcels as an organized group. The consensus was that this would be very beneficial to all members and a mutually beneficial date will be found and members notified. We would possibly start by viewing six properties to see if this idea has value and works for everyone. Hannah will handle the arrangements and advise members.

#### **5. TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE 17 -OPEN SPACE ZONING**

The committee discussed what position the OSC should take on this article and it was agreed unanimously that we will support Article 17 at Town Meeting.

## **6. CHAPTER 61 PROCESS**

The committee reviewed the Chapter 61 option process regarding the Notice of Intent to sell submitted by Kozeneski. Hannah distributed a summary chart which displays the various steps necessary to complete the option process.

## **7. OTHER ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED**

It was noted that Hannah has obtained a State grant of \$250,000 for use toward the Kozeneski property. This grant money can only be used on this particular property and is not transferable to other parcels.

## **8. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF LAND ACQUISITION**

At 8:35 pm on a motion by Will Holton and seconded by Caleb Garone members took a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing land acquisition plans and negotiations. At 9:05pm on a motion by Ralph Williams and seconded by Katie Hone, members took a unanimous roll call vote to exit Executive Session.

## **9. NEXT MEETING:**

May 21st 7:00 pm

## **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

9:08 pm Motion made by Ralph Williams and seconded by Wayne Castonguay. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Holton