

## Open Space Task Force Minutes

September 11, 2023

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Sue Larsen, Herb Asplund, Roy Normen, Joe Kennedy, Jeff Folger, Bart Pacekonis, Bill Flagg, John Caldwell

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:30.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Pat Botteron asked for a moment of silence in memory of those that lost their lives on 9/11.

### **Public Participation**

None.

### **Minutes**

The minutes were accepted as amended.

### **Correspondence and Reports**

Roy Normen reminded everyone that Heritage Day was Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-4 on Main Street along with the Longest Table at Evergreen Walk that same day.

Pat Botteron reported that Pat Brown, former clerk of the Council, passed away and she planned on giving a Mass card from us.

We will participate in the Apple Fest on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> by providing our Binder, maps and trail brochures. The information will be at the Planning & Zoning booth.

### **Old Business**

Jeff Folger reported a boy scout worked on the story trail near the Town Hall. The work included 14 stanchions with a page of a story attached to each.

The website is still being corrected.

Schedule for Heritage Fair:

Pat Botteron : All day

Sue Larsen: 12 -1

Jeff Folger: 9-12 plus set up

Bart Pacekonis: 9-10

Bill Flagg: 2-3

Joe Kennedy: 11-12

John Caldwell reported for information purposes that Jamie Sydoriak from the State of CT is working with the Welles family to have a lease agreement to farm the state-owned property near the Avery Street Dam. Clay Majors does all the leases for the town. John said he was not in favor of trails going through the farmland. The acreage is about 814 acres.

### **New Business**

The bylaws were reviewed. The only change would be to add the date we reviewed and accepted the bylaws. This is done yearly.

Herb Asplund motioned to nominate Pat Botteron as the Chair, John Caldwell as Vice Chair and Sue Larsen as the secretary. Bart Pacekonis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting will be October 2, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue W. Larsen