

OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE
Minutes of the Meeting
June 5, 2023
Amended at September 11, 2023 Meeting

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Herb Asplund, Sue Larsen, Jeff Folger, Barbara Kelly, Bill Flagg, John Caldwell, George Caye, Bart Pacekonis

Chairman Pat Botteron called the meeting to order at 5:31.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pat Botteron reminded everyone that the wake for former Mayor Ed Havens will be Tuesday at Carmen & Samsel from 4 – 7.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bart Pacekonis said there will be a workshop on the Plan of Conservation & Development at the Community Center from 7 – 8:30. He will be at the Strawberry Fest to answer questions on the plan. The moratorium on Big Boxes, Warehouses and multifamily housing is ending.

Barbara Kelly said an economic assessment had been done many years ago that established the value of open space in communities. Herb Asplund said he and Roy Normen did a study many years ago.

Pat Botteron reported on an article in the JI that wants more trees preserved.

OLD BUSINESS

There are still issues with the property on north end of Main Street. It is in a flood zone/flood way so the value is questionable. A possibility would be a Conservation easement.

Pat Botteron said the 1st page on our section of the town website is incorrect. She is working with Planning to redo the information.

Jeff Folger should be able to get the new master plan to us in a week. He is working with IT to format the maps into the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Botteron said OSTF would share a booth at the Strawberry Fest with Planning & Zoning. Our books, the master plan, applications and trail maps will be available for residents to see. Bart Pacekonis will be at the table for P&Z but will answer questions on Open Space. Jeff Folger will be available for set up. Herb Asplund and Pat Botteron will be floaters. Bill Flagg and Barbara Kelly may be around to help but unsure yet. We will do the same for the Apple Fest. Pat Botteron and Jeff Folger will look into the storage room to see what is in there. The easel and stand are missing. Barbara Kelly recommended doing a map that color codes the trails available for people to use.

Dates to remember: September 23- Apple Fest
September 30- Heritage Day

Jeff reported an eagle scout worked on the steps to a brook and piled wood chips around the steps last Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25.

The next meeting will be July 3rd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen
Secretary