

Open Space Task Force Minutes

May 1, 2017

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Betty Warren, Sue Larsen, Jeff Folger, George Caye, Bill Flagg, and Matthew Riley

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

There was no quorum in attendance. No actions will be taken at this meeting.

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and word changes were proposed.

Public Participation

Bob Michelson came before the task force to report that South Windsor had applied for Greenway Recognition. This would be for about 6 miles. He would like right of ways under the electric lines which are currently privately owned. The Town should also consider purchasing more greenway properties to open up the paths. EverSource is cooperating with South Windsor in creating green trails through right of ways.

Correspondence /Reports

Pat Botteron introduced Bill Flagg to everyone. He is the new representative from PZC. Pat Botteron reminded everyone that the Pollicelli award ceremony is tomorrow. Pat passed out information on lime disease. It is a virus from the deer tick. Pat also asked everyone if it would be a good idea to ask an attorney speak at a Town Council meeting to explain how open space works and what are the funding options open to municipalities. Maybe we could send out a packet again.

New Business

Jeff Folger reported that Boy Scout Troop #880 planted seedlings like European White Birch, Quake Aspen and Little Leaf Linden. They were planted 10 ft. on center and the birch was clustered. Next year the plan is to plant wildlife shrubs. Three Eagle Scout projects were done. There was work on the Fishing Dock, adding pavers and replanting trees at the West Road Firehouse and clearing trash and putting a new bench while stabilizing the wood chips on Petersen Way, near Wapping Church.

Old Business

Pat Botteron wanted a schedule for the CT Trail Day on June 4th. Gene Botteron will help with set up. Pat & Betty will do 1:00-2:00, Jeff will check if he can be there 3:00 – 4:00. Jeff will work out how to get the equipment there.

Walk & Wheels has developed a challenging bike trail near Rye Street. No dogs will be allowed.

The updated map is ready for Town Council approval.

Ordinance 168 is the ordinance establishing the Open Space Task Force. We need to update the membership to be more active. It was mentioned that we could have representatives from the Town departments of Planning and Public Works instead of the directors. They would be there for technical support.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue W. Larsen
Secretary

Next Meeting is June 5, 2017