

Open Space Task Force Minutes

August 7, 2017

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Betty Warren, Bill Flagg, Roy Normen, Andy Paterna (left meeting early), Jan Snyder (representing for Matt Riley) (left meeting early).

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

No public participation.

The minutes of the May and June meetings were reviewed and spelling corrections were proposed.

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

Public Participation:

None

Correspondence/Reports:

Monarch butterflies are returning to some of our open space properties.

Chair Botteron reminded members that they are invited to the Orchard Hill School Open House at 11:00 a.m. on August 26, 2017.

Mr. Mike Gantick sent out a notice of an UConn Native Plants and Pollinators Conference to be held October 19, 2017 at UConn, Storrs, CT.

The available referendum money, as of the June 30, 2017 report, totals \$2,529,719.39. Chair Botteron spoke with Director of Planning Michele Lipe; the fee in lieu of account has been exhausted. It had been used to do renovations at the Barton Property.

Chair Botteron asked the members present if it would be advisable to go for an Open Space referendum in November. Mr. Normen pointed out that if the Sledding Hill and the Clark Street properties are purchased there will still be about \$1,000,000.00 left in the referendum account. This would not be an opportune time to go for a referendum for open space.

Old Business:

Mr. Paterna reported the Hamm property, approximately thirteen acres, located on Barber Hill Road is being considered for agricultural development rights with State and Town funding.

He also reported the Raymond and Birden properties, approximately 234 acres, located on Main Street is being considered for agricultural development rights with State and Town funding.

New Business:

Mr. Normen brought up that it was 2005 since we had Attorney David Platt of Murtha Cullina LLP give a presentation to the Town Council on the means and methods of preserving open space other than outright purchase. Chair Botteron will contact Murtha Cullina LLP to see if Attorney Platt would be willing to give the Town Council another presentation.

Other Business:

Upcoming Community Events:

Heritage Days, September 30, 2017, Main Street and Ferry Lane
Sponsored by South Windsor Historical Society

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 6:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017