Open Space Task Force Minutes

October 2, 2017

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Roy Normen, Sue Larsen, Bill Flagg, Herb Asplund, Jeff Folger, Andy Paterna, Matt Riley

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:37.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted.

Public Participation

None.

New Business

Pat Botteron had a disc on the 2005 Murtha, Cullina presentation to the Town Council. Andy Paterna took the disc as he and Roy Normen are working on a presentation.

Pat Botteron was told that using the open space for the Wapping Fair was very good.

Jeff Folger had an email previously sent out that addressed the sample ordinance change. It included changes such as using members instead of supervisor/directors. Public Works would be removed although if we needed, we could invite a representative to a meeting. Staff could be considered non-voting members. Roy Normen thought staff should continue to vote. Louise recommended we remove Chamber of Commerce and Public Works.

Jeff Folger motioned to alter the existing ordinance to reflect the recommendations of the task force regarding the membership compliment. Herb Asplund seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business

The Kelly property is still in negotiation.

We are expecting the sign off by the Department of Agriculture on the Hamm property. South Windsor anticipates paying approximately 25%. The property is #6 on the master plan. The money will be coming from the Open Space fund. The walk through was done by SWALPAC. A discussion was held about whether Open Space Task Force should be involved when open space money is used. It was brought up that the Town Council has the account and not the Open Space task Force. There is an overlap between SWALPAC, Conservation Commission and Open Space. We should look into the overlap.

Jeff Folger had the last SWALPAC letter. We suggested that other options be included in the letter.

A copy of the new recycling pamphlet was shown. It was concise and colorful and the group thought we could do something similar.

The presentation to the Town Council was tabled while Roy and Andy work on the assignment.

Other Business

The next meeting will be November 13, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen, Secretary