

Open Space Task Force Minutes

July 9, 2018

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Roy Normen, Sue Larsen, Bill Flagg, Jeff Folger, Betty Warren, Herb Asplund, Joe Kennedy, George Caye

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the May and June meetings were accepted by consensus.

Public Participation:

None

Correspondence and Reports:

Roy Normen is making progress on a pamphlet for Open Space. It could be a tri-fold using an updated pamphlet from the US government with options for conserving land. Mike Gantick had showed him a presentation to the Town Council in Ashford.

Joe Kennedy stated the 490 letters were sent out.

Pat Botteron reported wardens were pulling water chestnuts out of the water near Mill Pond. Pat asked if the Task Force would consider a booth at the Farmers Market. The consensus was that September would be a better time where we could show maps and it would be helpful if Town Council passed the referendum going forward.

The Town may take over the Spectacle of Lights.

New Business:

The discussion on the referendum was held on July 2nd. From the members there, it was apparent that more education is needed. 1) Town Council thought publishing the priority properties would raise the prices. 2) A referendum could give the idea South Windsor does not want development rather than open space being a cost saver. 3) PZC could require open space from subdivisions. 4) Open Space actively seeks open space. We should have presentation at a public hearing. Barton property could be a good example of open space. Pat Botteron did a great job answering questions.

There will be a public hearing on the referendum on July 17th and a special meeting on July 30th.

Old Business:

Jeff Folger had sent out the latest maps (original target properties designated in yellow, added properties are designated in blue). Some possibilities are being offered to the Town but will not be named.

Roy Norman made a motion to adopt the additional 25 parcels to the Open Space Master Plan. Motion seconded by George Caye.

The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.

404 Rye Street Matulis Farm application was not discussed.

The ordinance on membership of the Open Space Task Force was tabled to the next meeting.

Other Business:

The next meeting will be August 6, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue W. Larsen, Secretary