

Open Space Task Force Minutes

December 3, 2018

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

Guest: Bob Dickinson

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted with the addition of George Caye in attendance.

Public Participation

None

Correspondence

Jeff Folger reported there was a plant clearing gathering on Peterson Way. The next one is planned for December 8th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They need about 10 people and Jeff has the equipment. There was an article in the Journal I looking for volunteers.

Joe Kennedy reported that SWALPAC addressed the five concerns of the Dzen Hill Committee.

Bill Flagg reported the PZC reviewed 3 parcels at the request of Town Council. Two parcels are near Pleasant Valley Road and one is near Burgess Road. No open space money will be involved in the purchase of the properties.

George Caye spoke about the bridle trails. The trail is not part of the walking path. The trails are now in the Park & Recreation master plan. ATVs may cause problems on the bridle trails. This needs to be addressed. There will be one trail near River Road.

Old Business

The 2019 meeting calendar has been recorded.

The letter to Matt Galligan about the Aman property has been sent.

New Business

A review of the Open Space Master Plan has begun.

Page 1: Include town staff on the 5th line

Page 2: #12 protect steep slopes associated with gullies due to soils and storm water drainage. This is a very sensitive issue.

SWALPAC adopted their master plan last month and Joe will bring a copy next month.

We need to include that the Town Council has a new policy/plan for the purchase of development rights.

Page 5: needs to be rewritten, specifically the 3rd paragraph, 3rd sentence.

We should add the last town referenda and the DEP grant of \$600,000.

Page 7: Include several ways of preservation. Also, take out the word financial in the first bullet.

Page 14: needs review after looking at the town survey.

Page 10: we no longer have the Hartford County Soil District. It may now be called Central CT Soil District.

Bill Flagg will ask if there is a new Plan of Conservation & Development.

Page 12: Reword the statement that includes eminent domain.

Page 14: Take out ATV

Page 13: List prime soil types

Page 14: List accomplishments like Collins Hill and add properties under development rights. Also add the easement on Sullivan & Route 5 which is between the Town and the land trust.

Page 15: we need to get more information on Avery Brook, School natural areas and the land across from Lawrence Park.

Other Business

The next meeting will be January 7, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen, Secretary