

OPEN SPACE TASK FORCE
Minutes of the Meeting
January 7, 2019

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Herb Asplund, Betty Warren, Sue Larsen, Roy Normen, Bill Flagg, Joe Kennedy

Guest: Robert Dickinson

Chairman Pat Botteron called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Dickinson came to talk about purchasing private greenway or at least getting a right of way for trial use. In the master plan, which we are in the process of updating, we should prioritize right of ways on Page 16 Section 2.

Eversource patrols their right of ways often and would welcome trails because it would create better access to the land. Expanding the sewer right of ways could increase the market value of the nearby homes by 5%.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Joe Kennedy handed a copy of the SWALPAC Masterplan to Pat Botteron. Sue Larsen will make copies for everyone. 391 Fox Run will have 10 acres of its 17 acres under development rights. There is a possibility that the Wagon Shed property will be under development rights. We will have to wait and see.

The Gedrim property is in executive session tonight at the Town Council meeting.

Roy Normen suggested letting Matt Galligan know we are interested in 1355 Ellington Road. It has been on the market for a while and it would be a good access point to Wapping Park. Bill Flagg would like some information from Jeff Folger and John Caldwell. Pat Botteron, in the meantime, will draft a letter to Matt Galligan.

Pat Botteron received a thank you card from Joe Kennedy. Carol Heffler sent a Christmas card to everyone and she is doing well.

The Journal Inquirer article noted Governor Malloy, before leaving office, put \$5 million in the Open Space fund.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

We want to recommend to Park & Rec to plow the Nelson property and get it ready for a community garden. There is still a water issue but in other gardens, the gardeners were willing to bring their own water.

Updating of the Master Plan:

Page 16: Cross town trail acquisition of private land as a priority
Purchase right of way

Page 21: Add gifts as an acquisition method
Section 3 * property must not be developed

Page 24: Appendix 3 needs to be updated

Page 29: Revise Town owned land

Remove Rating Sheets

Question remained as to whether or not we should include the eminent domain ordinance.

Still to be considered is whether we want a priority listing of development rights properties.

Alphabetize Pages 31- 33

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be February 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen
Secretary