

## Open Space Task Force Minutes

April 1, 2019

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Louise Evans, Roy Normen, Sue Larsen, Joe Kennedy, John Caldwell, Herb Asplund, Council Liaison Janice Snyder

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

There was no quorum in March therefore no minutes.

### **Public Participation**

None.

### **Correspondence**

DEEP is requesting mitigation for the grasshopper sparrows. The birds need about 30 acres. There are two areas that could accommodate the acreage. Wapping Park has too many walkers with dogs. The top of Dzen Hill is on the resolution tonight before the Town Council. Roy Normen had an issue with the resolution. He felt it needed to be clarified that the area is for passive recreation. "No Dogs Allowed" needs to be posted.

Betty Warren reported that the Gedrim Property was sold to Robert Urso. We will need permission to walk the land.

Joe Kennedy said a visit had been made to the Bellazaras property. More talks will be planned for the future. The Land Trust will be asked for input.

Pat Botteron handed out the financial report. Town Manager Matt Galligan had reported that Open Space money was not used for the purchase of the sedge property but the report shows it was. If the land is sold, we want the money put back. Pat Botteron then read a card from Michele Lipe.

### **Old Business**

The Master Plan update was reviewed. The owners of the targeted properties were on the map in 2001 but removed in the 2009 plan.

Several members had questions about the Redfield open space since it looks like it is two locations. Since Jeff Folger was unable to attend this meeting, the question will remain open until next month. (140 Smith Street)

There doesn't seem to be any properties to be added on.

The membership ordinance is still pending. A copy will be sent to Council Liaison Synder so she can discuss this with Mayor Andy Paterna.