

## Open Space Task Force Minutes

February 3, 2020

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Sue Larsen, Joe Kennedy, Herb Asplund, Betty Warren, Roy Normen, Louise Evans, John Caldwell, Jeff Folger, Council Liaison Karen Lydecker

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes for the December meeting were accepted.

### **Public Participation**

Jeff Hamm, 577 Barber Hill Road, came to discuss the Chestnut Hill development across the street from his home. There is an issue with the entrance and exit roads. Dzen brothers has a dirt road causing traffic problems and liability issues. While Open Space Task Force works with open space, concerns about traffic impacts need to be brought to the attention of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The OSTF members recommended talking with Director of Planning Michele Lipe and Town Engineer Jeff Doolittle.

### **Correspondence**

John Caldwell reported clearing the Priest property of lots of metal. It has been a noticeable improvement. Joe Kennedy reported on a farm restoration grant of \$40,000. There will be rehab work under the power lines on the Priest property. They plan to grow rye since the soil is clay and sand. We can apply for this grant annually.

Pat Botteron shared a Christmas card from former OSTF member, Carol Heffler and a thank you card from the Reichle family for the mass card.

### **Old Business**

625 Sullivan Avenue is still for sale. There are problems with selling the land due to vernal pools and habitat.

1355 Ellington Road has been purchased by the Town with funds from the Open Space referendum money. The house is currently being cleaned out.

### **New Business**

After a short discussion on Chestnut Ridge, Jeff Folger moved to recommend to the Town Council acceptance of the open space subdivision. Herb Asplund seconded the motion. The motion passed and it was unanimous.

Ginny Hole, Ken Sec, and Ray Favreau were in attendance to listen to the discussion on priority properties and also to discuss CT Trail Days.

Jeff Folger handed out a new list of priority properties. On the map, yellow properties are current target properties and blue are additional properties to be added on. Roy Normen requested that South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways be given an opportunity to review the targeted properties. Ginny Hole said they had a meeting on Wednesday.

There is a new application to be discussed regarding 131 Chapel Road. Jeff Folger will send out an email so that everyone has time to walk the property before the March meeting. The maps and rating sheets were distributed. A question was asked about active recreation. The Task Force can recommend active recreation on Town owned open space but not within an open space subdivision.

CT Trails Day will be held this year on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The location this year is Nevers Park. There will be bike clinics and geocaching. The OSTF agreed to participate.

Pat Bottern asked if more OSTF cloth bags should be purchased and it was agreed to do so, and recommended to talk with the Anniversary Committee, that is meeting Thursday, to coordinate.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next meeting will be March 2, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen, Secretary