

Open Space Task Force Minutes

March 2, 2020

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Sue Larsen, Joe Kennedy, Herb Asplund, Roy Normen, John Caldwell, George Caye, Council Liaison Karen Lydecker

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes for the February meeting were accepted as amended under Public Participation by adding "Chestnut Hill development" to the first line.

Public Participation

None

Correspondence

Roy Normen noted the Willow Brook property would be discussed in Executive Session at the Town Council meeting tonight.

Old Business

There was an error in the listing of priority properties: Brookfield should be 84 acres and not 18 acres.

Joe Kennedy moved that "OSTF approves the list of updated properties being added to the priority properties list." The motion was seconded by George Caye. The vote was unanimous.

New Business

There was a discussion about 131 Chapel Road. OSTF reviewed the rating sheet. There was much discussion about reviewing the form again since too many properties are not reflected correctly. Bonus points need to be given for agriculture and reflect serious flood plan areas as an example.

Roy Normen wants SWALPAC to look at 131 Chapel Road. He would like to consider an option whereby the Town would purchase the property, preserve the development rights, and then re-sell the property to a farmer.

Roy Normen moved "to send the property to SWALPAC for review". Herb Asplund seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The item is tabled until the next meeting.

Jeff Folger is working with Ray Favreau on purchasing the OSTF cloth bags.

John Caldwell reported that there is nothing of value left in the house on 1355 Ellington Road and they are ready to tear it down.

The sheds on the Priest property are being torn down. There is asbestos that must be dealt with. The outside spotlights were removed. The plan is to keep the Priest Farm silo.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be April 6, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen, Secretary