

Open Space Task Force Minutes

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM

January 4, 2021

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Sue Larsen, Herb Asplund, Roy Normen, Jeff Folger, Joe Kennedy, George Caye, Betty Warren, Bill Flagg, Town Council Liaison Karen Lydecker

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Pat Botteron had the Flag available for the meeting.

Pat Botteron asked for a moment of silence in memory of longtime member and friend, Louise Evans.

Public Participation None

Minutes The minutes of December 7, 2020 were accepted as written.

Sue Larsen motioned to move agenda item 7 to the front of the agenda. Herb Asplund seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

New Business

Roy Normen stated he is not in favor of purchasing 220 Scantic Road. He has concerns about the access road, ownership of the access road and its maintenance.

Bill Flagg asked how many acres are on the property that measures 17.6 acres and is for passive recreation only.

Betty Warren said she couldn't understand why we wouldn't want the property since it is basically free.

Roy Normen was concerned about the amount of work involved to maintain the property. Jeff Folger spoke to John Caldwell and they were confident that not a lot of work would have to be done. The detention basin maintenance is East Windsor's responsibility. South Windsor would add ¾" stone to the emergency spillway which would make for a good accessway to the river to launch a boat.

Pat Botteron asked if there would be any remediation. Jeff Folger replied there would not.

Karen Lydecker said she spoke with the Town Manager who indicated the dirt and gravel road was in South Windsor, and the private road would be maintained by East Windsor.

Pat Botteron stated she drove the property and had no problem accessing it.

Betty Warren moved to send a favorable letter to the Town Council. Herb Asplund seconded the motion. Roy Normen would like to insert in the letter that East Windsor maintain Shank Road. Roy Normen abstained and everyone else voted in favor.

Herb Asplund began the discussion about the 93-99 Dart Hill Road property stating it has been on the market a long time, and there is no reason to purchase it.

Jeff Folger said 93-99 Dart Hill Road are two lots. There is an Eversource right of way and the two private lots have right of ways on them. We couldn't do a road without the right of way on the two lots. The lots are listed for \$59,000.

Herb Asplund said that services such as water would have to be brought in, making it harder to market.

Pat Botteron asked if the lots would complete a trail. Jeff stated they would create a spur.

Betty Warren was concerned over ATVs using the property.

Jeff Folger said a portion of the right of way travels through two private house lots so it may be possible to develop a loop around them to provide a travel way exclusively on Town property.

Roy Normen said we really only want the large parcel.

Jeff Folger motioned that the Task Force communicate a positive review on this property. Betty Warren seconded. Motion Passed 7 to 2. Voting Yes: Roy Normen, Betty Warren, George Caye, Jeff Folger, Joe Kennedy, Sue Larsen, and Pat Botteron. Voting No: Herb Asplund and Bill Flagg

Correspondence

Pat Botteron reported Carol Heffner, a former OSTF member, sent Pat Botteron a Christmas card. Carol is doing well and hopes we are too.

Roy Normen reminded the OSTF members to donate \$10 each to cover the \$100 donation to Union School in memory of Louise Evans. Donations should be given to Pat Botteron.

Pat Botteron asked if the 2021 Meeting Schedule approved at the last meeting was sent to the Town Clerk. Jeff Folger believed it was but will double check.

The Gallivan property is scheduled for an executive session this evening at the Town Council meeting.

The Birden property on Ferry Lane will have development rights purchased with a partnership between the CT DOAG and the Town. This will result in the preservation of the historical corner of Ferry Lane and Main Street.

Roy Normen asked about the Gallivan Property. It will be going into executive session.

The next meeting will be February 1, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. by Zoom cutoff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen

