

## Open Space Task Force Minutes

July 11, 2022

Attendance: Pat Botteron, Sue Larsen, Herb Asplund, Roy Normen, Joe Kennedy, Jeff Folger, John Caldwell, Bart Pacekonis, Bill Flagg

Chair Pat Botteron opened the meeting at 5:36.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

### **Public Participation**

None.

### **Minutes**

The minutes were accepted.

### **Correspondence and Reports**

Joe Kennedy made sure the Task Force remembered that the SWALPAC is now the Agricultural Commission.

The bench for Betty Warren has been made. We are waiting for the family to determine the wording on the plaque.

### **Old Business**

The main reason for the meeting this evening was the final determination of the properties to be included in the new master plan. Jeff Folger had sent out the proposed properties which now included parcels at 391 Neiderwerfer Road and 240 Kelly Road. Jeff Folger put the map on the screen and the Task Force members reviewed the two new properties but also reviewed parcels that were already approved such as Lawrence Park, Foster Farm and King Street properties. It was an history lesson for the new members on the task force. Herb Asplund motioned to “approve the proposed properties in the master plan including the two new properties and send the report to the town council for review”. Bart Pacekonis seconded the motion. Unanimous vote on the motion.

The Desmond Pond was agreed upon after much discussion on the pond itself having a lot of silt approximately 60 ft. down. Some thought it was not worth the town taking on the parcel but after the map showed the total property involved, it was unanimous that we should recommend the town take the offer from the Electric Company.

Bill Flagg asked John Caldwell if the Parks Dept. budget can handle the additional properties. John Caldwell responded that with the new equipment, it has been easier to handle the workload. He

thanked Bill for his concern but the Town Council determines his budget so there really isn't anything Open Space Task Force could do.

We will get the new copies for a final wording edit.

### **New Business**

The Town Council has approved the development rights for the Birden and Raymond properties. The appraisals will need to be redone as the State says they are too old.

Jeff Folger said the Scantic Meadow property has been approved. Most call it the Boy Scout property since it has been owned by the East Windsor lodge.

Pat Botteron said the next date for the meeting is August 1st. Most commissions and boards do not meet in August but Pat is keeping the schedule in case an emergency meeting has to be called.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting will be August 1, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue W. Larsen