Open Task Force Action Minutes May 2, 2016

Attendance: John Caldwell, Herb Asplund, Jeff Folger, Louise Evans, Sue Larsen, Pat Botteron, Roy Normen, Betty Warren, George Caye, Matthew Riley

The meeting was opened by Chairman Pat Botteron at 5:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Public Participation

Bob Dickinson spoke before the task force to discuss expanding the bike trail near the Jacques property located on Chapel Road. The bike path would be on top of the sewer line. One of the issues discussed was the ownership of the property and whether the town would buy the property or just get an easement or right of way. Mr. Dickenson needs to get the property owner to talk to the Town Manager and then give permission for the OSTF to walk the property.

The minutes of 3/7/16 were accepted.

Correspondence/Reports

Matthew Riley as council liaison reported he supported the budget.

Betty Warren reported on the Hamm Family who are looking for possible development rights. The address is 577 Barber Hill Road and is approximately 13 acres. It currently does not abut any existing open space. The land was previously used for strawberries but now trees. SWALPAC endorses the idea.

New Business:

Pat Botteron reported that Rob O'Connor wanted us to join CT Trails day on June 5th from 1:00-4:00 at Rye Street Park. Many of the members in attendance would not be able to attend so it was decided that we would not participate this year.

The task force reviewed the target property map that Jeff Folger put together. The new targeted properties will be numbered. The task force will review the map again next month.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Sue W. Larsen Secretary