

Open Space Task Force Minutes

April 3, 2017

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted.

Correspondence /Reports

John Caldwell reported they dealt with a coyote issue on Felt & Phillip Road. The Priest property has been **cleared**. There are invasive plants on the trees outside the baseball field. Park & Rec has put up acoustic fabric on the High School stadium.

Herb Asplund says Lawrence Road Park looks good. There was further discussion on the unwanted visitors at the park. John recommended a sign PARK CLOSED FROM DARK TO DUSK.

The Nelson property will be open as a community garden but there will be no water access this year. There will be a signup sheet.

Witch Hazel plants are doing OK.

New Business

There is an application for the Hamm 14 acre property. They are looking for development rights which could be a 50/50 share between the town and the state.

Jeff Folger spoke about owners on Slater Street dumping in the pond. It will be resolved.

Pat Botteron read a thank you card from Debbie Reid and a Christmas card from Carol Heffler. Pat passed around a JI picture **regarding the Deming Street community gardens**.

Pat Botteron wanted to know if we would participate in CT Trail Day on June 4th. We have a tentative yes with Pat, Betty and Andy working. Heritage Day will be September 30th and we will be represented there by Louise, Sue and Pat. We decided not to participate in the Evening in the Park in May.

Old Business

Pat Botteron reported that negotiations were still on for the sledding hill. Pat **spoke** with Matt Galligan and that is the only report at this time.

Jeff Folger handed out the new target property map. There was a discussion on plot number 15. Some felt the property would not be sold for development and therefore should be removed. Some felt the access to the river was worth keeping it on the target map.

Herb Asplund moved to remove #15 from the target property map. Louise Evans seconded. The vote was 5-4 in favor of removing the property.

Jeff Folger will remove the property and have the map ready for the May meeting of the Town Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue W Larsen

Secretary

Next Meeting is May 1, 2017