

Rockland Open Space Committee Meeting 1/10/2023, 6:30 p.m., Town Offices, Lower Lounge and High School Lecture Hall

Attending: Donald Cann, Chair, Mike Bromberg, Vice-chair, George Anderson, Joanne Donnelly, Pam Titus, Kathy Kirby

Mary Parsons, a member of the community was in attendance. Members of the Conservation Commission were present for their meeting. Please see that Commission's minutes for proceedings.

Ms. Titus moved to accept the minutes of the 12/8/2022 meeting, second by Mr. Bromberg, approved unanimously.

The draft Annual Report of the committee to the Town was reviewed and it was suggested that information about the Rockland Land Trust be included, which will be done.

The committee discussed the McCarthy Farm site Conservation Restriction, particularly the subject of hunting on the property. This topic was reviewed in a continued joint meeting with the Conservation Commission, which voted to approve the Conservation Restriction and establish regulations regarding recreational activities on the property. Ms. Titus of Open Space and Ms. Pratt of Conservation agreed to collaborate in drafting proposed regulations.

Ms. Titus gave a report on three Channing Church parcels that were passed for acquisition at Town Meeting some time ago but not recorded. Ms. Titus gave a description of the condition of the three parcels and advised that Town Administrator Doug Lapp has requested Mr. Galvin, land use counsel, to move these acquisitions forward.

Ms. Kirby advised that she had been in contact with Justin Evans of Whitman regarding open spaces contiguous to some in Rockland and that Mr. Evans was enthusiastic about meeting with the committee to discuss this matter. Ms. Titus has contacted Mr. Clemens of Hanson regarding parcels there that may be able to be linked to Rockland open space.

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Unanimous  
1/30/23