

ROCKLAND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 20, 2022, 6 P.M., CHAFFEE MEETING ROOM

ATTENDING: Donald Cann, George Anderson, Mike Bromberg, Kathy Kirby, Lorraine Pratt, ConCom

Minutes of the 12/8/2021 meeting were reviewed and, upon motion by Mr. Bromberg, second by Mr. Anderson, unanimously approved. Records of meetings of fewer than a quorum of committee members were reviewed and Mr. Cann will communicate with Town Clerk regarding those dates.

Mr. Cann advised that a submission for the Town Report is due on 2/2/2022 and Ms. Kirby will prepare a draft.

The committee discussed the process of Planned Unit Development submissions, particularly concerning the application of what would be a permitted grid subdivision to calculations of permissible building area. Ms. Pratt advised that, currently, grid calculations are not necessarily submitted to the Conservation Commission for review. Mr. Cann suggested that the Commission's review should be two-stage the first to include a grid, to allow for full delineation of what is proposed, including wetlands.

The committee discussed the 61B property at Dexter Road and, because it is wetland, unbuildable. Mr. Anderson moved to pass on asking the Town to acquire the parcel, seconded by Mr. Bromberg, approved unanimously.

The McCarthy Farm grant requirements timing, progress, and utilization or disposal of various items and structures on the property were discussed. A meeting with the Town Administrator and Highway Superintendent was suggested so that a plan for work prior to spring road work can be made. It was noted that Wildlands Trust lays out trails but does not do the actual building of them. The use of CPA funds for that purpose was discussed. Mr. Bromberg advised that Wildlands Trust requires a Stewardship Endowment Fund for preparation of the conservation restriction for the property. It was noted that the CR for Hartsuff Park is in process of being done at the present time.

The committee discussed the problem final recording and transfer of parcels approved for acquisition by the Town at Town Meetings has not been addressed. It was suggested that, if attorneys have accepted fees from the Town to do such work and it has not been done, then, after appropriate warning, a report be made to that person's professional organization after consultation with Town counsel.

Mr. Cann discussed other parcels of possible interest for preservation as open space.

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