

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Ann Dunnack, at 8:10 AM.

Present: Don Schofield, Shirley King, Walt Tabor, Joan Hill, Chris Tolsdorf and Ann Dunnack

Guests: town Administrator Mark Walter

Approval of September minutes

Old Business:

Mr. Walter updated information on the pending contract with the Oberlander family. The Board of Selectmen has set a date of December 8, 2016 for a town meeting to approve the purchase of the Oberlander property for open space. Paula Stahl will prepare a presentation to explain this purchase. Joan offered to share any slides etc. which could aide in this presentation.

New Business:

Mr. Walter described a new roundtable group he is organizing which will discuss the town's financial needs for the next ten years. Ann Dunnack will be our representative on this panel.

Joan asked Mr. Walter why Open S

pace moneys are being moved out of the interest bearing account on a monthly schedule. He promised to look into this.

Ideas were shared concerning informing the public on the benefits of the Oberlander purchase. We will focus on a public site walk, word of mouth to know supporters and the presentation by Paula Stahl prior to the vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley King, secretary