

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 18, 2016

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

Present: Ann Dunnack, Joan Hill, Shirley King, Paul Ramsey, Don Schofield,

Guests: Mark Walter, Town Administrator

Approval of July 16, 2016 minutes

Old business:

No new news on any of these properties

New business:

Ann attended the latest Bd of Selectman meeting which was informal due to a lack of a quorum. As a result of this meeting, she feels that the Land Acquisition Procedures are confusing for these selectman. We as a committee are also confused as to the powers of FIPAC over how Open Space allocated moneys are spent. Mr. Walter is aware of this confusion and will address the issue with the selectmen.

Paul expressed frustration with the entire Wells Woods project and he has been in contact with the Trust for Public Land. He suggests that we have a representative from this organization speak to us about what they can do to help. The invite will be for either our Sept or Oct meeting. Paul also suggested that we ask a Joshua Trust member to attend as well.

Mr. Walter assured us that the money for the purchase of the 3 acre gravel pit will not be coming from the Open Space or Land Acquisition accounts.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 AM

Submitted by Shirley King secretary