

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday December 17, 2014

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

Present: Joan Hill, Don Schofield, Shirley King, Paul Ramsey, Chris Tolsdorf, Walter Tabor and Ann Dunnack

Audience:

Town Manager Jonathan Luiz and interim Town Manager Marc Paquett

Approval of the October minutes was tabled.

Old Business:

1. Wells Woods section of town.

Jonathan presented an overview of the properties in this section of town for the benefit of Mr Paquett. Of particular interest is the ongoing negotiations with several owners. The town has the results of the Jakes property appraisal and is waiting to get the property owners appraisal for comparison. Gene Kasica has also been in contact with Jonathan concerning his property. The committee was reassured that all correspondence with prospective property that Open Space has an interest in will be passed along to the new town manager. Discussion took place concerning the various avenues available for State grants as well as State purchasing of important open space areas in town. The bordering towns of Hebron and Lebanon will also be included in any discussions of properties that border them. Prior to Jonathan leaving for his new position, he will tie-up as many details as possible with the ongoing discussions.

New Business:

Joan moved that we only support the acquisition of the Costello property if it is offered to the town at no cost. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley king, secretary

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At 1:14 PM
Attest: Paul C. M. Smith
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