

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Dunnack at 8:05 AM.

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

Approval of October minutes

Audience of citizens: Natasha Nau

Old Business:

Ms Nau reported that the Oberlander property title search has gotten a little messy but she is working on it.

We discussed the reaction of FIPAC to our presentation at their meeting last night. Don feels that we should establish a ball park figure for each property in the Wells Woods area and Walt proposed that we also create a time line for possible availability of these properties. All agreed that FIPAC would like this information for long range planning as well as their being part of the process. Natasha agreed to meet with FIPAC in executive session when properties are being considered.

Joan agreed to check town public records for appraisals on these properties as a starting point.

Chris suggested, and all agreed, that we try to develop a 10 year plan for the acquiring of the available parcels in Wells Woods.

New Business:

Discussion took place on new ways to finance property purchases. One suggestion is to establish an account dedicated to land acquisition that citizens could make donations to. Ann will approach the Joshua Trust to see if this may be possible through that organization as well.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM

Submitted by Shirley King secretary

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