

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2014

Attending: Ann Dunnack, Joan Hill, Walt Tabor, Christopher Tolsdorf, Paul Ramsey, and Don Schofield.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM, and the minutes were approved 5-0-1.

There was no audience of citizens.

Old Business

Paul reported on the CT Land Conservation Conference that he and Ann attended on March 15. Paul attended a workshop on Open Space Funding, led by Alicia Sullivan of the Trust for Public Land. The Committee agreed that Ms. Sullivan should be invited to come and speak to Columbia Officials about what her Trust might be able to do to help with the Wellswood Project. Paul will contact her to make arrangements.

Ann reported on attending a workshop that focused on implementing and funding management plans for open space after purchase.

Ann reported that the BOS will move forward with the Lucarelli purchase with or without the grant, which spawned a discussion about contacting DEEP to invite them out to walk the property. It was thought that if they could understand the connectivity of the parcels, they might waive the road-frontage requirement.

No further news on the Kassman DVR.

The Ramm Marsh negotiations have not moved forward.

New Business

Szegda Farm Heritage Trail Day: June 7, 2014, 11 AM to 2 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Dunnack

Secretary pro tem

Received: March 21, 2014  
At 8:35  
Attest: Bobin M. Benefield  
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk