

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 17, 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

Approval of August minutes as corrected

Old Business:

The Costello property has been put on the market and has a sale pending.

The Columbia Market generated a lot of interest, especially in the maps on display.

Joan would like assistance in monitoring the Harris property. Don has volunteered to be trained by Joan.

New Business:

State Open Space Grants are now open.

N. Nau informed Ann that the Oberlander family is trying to locate their last family member. The BOS has agreed to go forward with this purchase.

Joan feels that the town should offer to purchase the Rham easement in order to open up the access to the other properties in this area. Ann will ask the town planner if this is a possibility.

Ann will remind N. Nau to continue speaking to Mr Jakes in case his interest has changed.

We will be presenting to FIPAC for the purpose of educating them to our purpose and the rationale for purchasing open space properties. The towns long term plan document supports open space and this development avoidance saves money for the town in the long run.

Paul suggested we only wait one more month before approaching the Lucarelli family again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM

Submitted by Shirley King secretary

Received: October 13, 2015
At: 9:39 AM
Attest: Paul McMath
Town Clerk/ Assistant Town Clerk ASSP
TC