

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2016, 8:00 AM

Adella G. Urban Conference Room

Minutes

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

Call to Order at 8:02 AM

Minutes of 5/19/16 were approved unanimously.

Audience of citizens: none

Ann read the First Selectman's report re pending acquisitions

New Town Administrator: The Open Space Committee members expressed an interest in meeting with the new Town Administrator as soon as July 14th. Ann will explore possible dates with him, and notify the members if a date is set earlier than the regular OS meeting date of July 21.

FIPAC Meeting: Chris reported on his attendance at the most recent FIPAC meeting at which OS funding was an agenda item. More information on DEEP OS grants was requested by FIPAC members, and Joan volunteered to send it to them.

Trust for Public Land: Paul reported on his contact with Alicia Sullivan re assistance from the Trust for Public Land in moving forward with the Wells Woods project. He will be back in touch with her after the election in November.

Mansfield OS Funding: Paul also reported on discussions with Matthew Harte, Mansfield town manager re Mansfield's funding of OS protection. He provided a summary of their OS acquisitions and costs.

OS Fund: Concern was expressed concerning withdrawals from the town's dedicated Open Space Fund. Chris will research transfers to and from this account over the past several years.

Adjournment: 9:20 AM

respectfully submitted by Joan Hill acting Secretary