

Columbia Open space Committee

Special Meeting

May 24, 2019 8:00 AM

Minutes

Roll call: Open Space Committee Members, Ann dunnack, Walt tabor, Don Schofield, Don Cianci, Paul Ramsey, Chris Tolsdorf; Town Administrator, Mark Walters; Trust for Public Land (TPL) representatives Honor Lawler, and David Wilkins.

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New Business:

David Wilkins, CT Director of Philanthropy for TPL, outlined the process by which TPL raises funds for their projects. Grants are secured from State Funds, National and Local Philanthropic Organizations, and partnering Municipalities, and Organizations. This covers the cost of the actual land purchase.

In addition, funds need to be raised to cover TPL's due diligence: salaries, mapping teams, legal fees, appraisals, surveys, etc.

The Open space Committee discussed how to solicit private funding to cover these costs.

Adjournment: 10:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Dunnack, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem