

Columbia Open Space Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 18 , 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ann Dunnack at 8:01 AM.

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

Approval of April 18, 2017 minutes

Audience of citizens none

Old Business:

Paul reported on the status of the Trust for Public Land and their contact with property owners. There are several contact numbers still needed and the town administrator should have these in a folder.

Chris reported on the town bonding issue and assured the committee that if there is a bond that OS will be included. He does feel that there is not support however for a bonding of all projects at this time.

Joan suggested that once the town approved the Oberlander purchase that we have a public hike in October to introduce the trails to the public. This would probably be pre final sale so permission from the owners will be necessary. All thought this a good idea. Joan also mentioned the historic sites on the property.

There is no new news on revising the 1992 ordinance. When the next charter review is discussed this topic will be introduced.

New Business:

All members were reminded to help get out our supporters for the June 1 vote on the Oberlander property.

Ann and Don attended the Hebron Open Space meeting and were impressed with the makeup of the committee by town officials and the detailed plans they have in place. This is a town agency with a budget and powers to use these moneys. There is a mill % set aside every year for OS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM

Submitted by Shirley King secretary

