

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee April 16, 2024, 7 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

Members Present: Sue Perkins, Kathy Richards, Lisa Mosczynski, Gordon Larrivee, Becky Kalagher.

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 2:02 and stated that the meeting was being videoed.

Minutes: Review minutes from 3/12/2024. Motion by L. Mosczynski, seconded by B. Kalagher. All in favor.

Walnut Street access to conservation property: No updates

CPA Committee and upcoming information session on April 25, 2024 7PM: Letters sent to Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Ask J. Couture to send an email reminder and add others such as Historical and Cemetery Committees. Post on Facebook. Can it be posted on the town website?

Trail development limitations and next trail day: (Leon Mosczynski property) Per B. Faneuf; trail maintenance doesn't trigger a permit, be careful, one person's maintenance is another's major renovation. Go forth with impact minimization and you will be fine. Available for site walk tomorrow or next Monday. Date set for Monday the 22nd.

The trail workday had 10 people attending with a total of 14 hours and 50 minutes volunteering.

B. Kalagher to post a map and pictures of the clean up on Facebook. Include volunteer contact using open space email.

Property Updates: Briarwood Circle town property & Mary Lynn Dube property: set up reconnaissance dates.

Keevan Conservation property: still need to explore on the other side of the stream.

For now, concentrate on Keevan and Leon Mosczynski properties.

Sutton/Douglas; L. Mosczynski thinks on the town warrant is the transfer to town that hasn't happened yet. The area is a NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species. Trail possibilities unknown.

Castle Caves: Finance committee voted against transferring property into Chapter 97.

Grand Trunk Connector (between Wallum Lake Rd. and SNETT) the state is going to purchase but it's a long-drawn-out process. New supervisor, Joseph Taylor, is going to keep on top of it.

Fish & Game not transferred yet, piece of property from Bik in northwest quadrant of town. 20.33 acres.

New Sherborn: S. Perkins asked M. Benoit what was going on with that. L. Mosczynski said that the developer came in and said the road width is 30' per engineer. M. Benoit asked town council: Stonewalls outside the road width, which means the stonewalls are not protected under the Scenic Road by-law because they are outside the road width.

Contacts to Chapter 61 lands: None.

Old and New Business:

New: Chapter 61 property, (Zito) sold. No notice. New owners signed affidavit that property is staying under 61.

Next Meeting: April 25, 2024 7PM at Municipal Center for CPA gathering.

Next Open Space meeting: May 21, 2024 2 PM

Rolling -Land clearing bylaw for conservation wetlands, old growth forest, Keevan property, flexible development by law changes. Winter project (trails/stewardship committee and list of short-term projects).

Share results from workshop with Conservation Commission.

High priority items in OS & Rec. Plan

Chapter 61 owner outreach

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:59 by L. Mosczynski, seconded by G. Larrivee. All in favor.