

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee February 27, 2024, 7 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

Members Present: Sue Perkins, Kathy Richards, Lisa Mosczynski, Gordon Larrivee, Becky Kalagher. Trail committee volunteers: Joe Tosches, Duane Kuczer, Michael Pollak

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 7:02 and stated that the meeting was being videoed.

Welcomed trail committee volunteers, reviewed town properties, waiver and action plan.

Minutes: Review minutes from 12/12/2023, 1/9/2024, and 1/31/2024 meeting. Motion by G. Larrivee, seconded by L. Mosczynski. All in favor.

Keevan Conservation property: warrant for town meeting concerning property. Received an estimate from Conservation Works, LLC Andy Vecchio for \$4,928 to prepare a conceptual trail plan for the Keevan Conservation Area located in Douglas, MA.

We need to bring this before Con. Com as they oversee the property. They need to be on board. In addition, who would sign the contract for this project?

Talked to Matt B. and asked for \$5,000 for this project. In addition, what do we need for an operating budget for next fiscal year?

Chapter 97 letter to Conservation Commission: Have not heard back from them. Will present it to the Board of Selectmen to put on warrant. Would also go before the Finance Committee as part of the budget process.

CMRPC Map Workshop follow up: Gave Matt B. a copy of our workshop results.

Community Preservation Act (CPA) adoption action: Listed on Conservation Commission agenda looking for a volunteer as well as the Planning Board's agenda. L. Mosczynski will submit article to the New Uxbridge Times to CPA solicit volunteers. For the CPA to become reality, it must pass two votes, one at election time, and the other at town meeting.

Old & New Business:

NEW: How do we become a bona fide committee and not just an advisory committee?

L. Freeman sent a note that the state is looking for a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen for the purchase of a piece of property on the Webster line (20-25 acres) by Fish & Wildlife. B. Kalagher made a motion to send a support letter also, seconded by K. Richards. All in favor. L. Mosczynski abstained. L. Mosczynski will write the letter.

Notice received about property on 296 Yew St. to be taken out of Chapter 61. The form was incorrectly filled out. Nothing happens until corrected form comes in.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2024 2PM

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). May Annual Town Meeting (budget request for at least two paper copies of the Open Space & Recreation Plan.

Share results from workshop with Conservation Commission.

High priority items in OS & Rec. Plan

Chapter 61 owner outreach

Executive Session: Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A. Section 21(a) (6), to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiation position of the public body. Interest in Real Property – Walnut Street.

At 8:00 motion to enter executive session by L. Mosczynski, seconded by G. Larrivee. All in favor. Roll call ensued. Discussion. At 8:25 motion by L. Mosczynski to close executive session, seconded by B. Kalagher. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25 by L. Mosczynski, seconded by B. Kalagher. All in favor.