

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee Jan. 14, 2025, 3 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

Members Present: Sue Perkins, Kathy Richards, Becky Kalagher, Gordon Larrivee, Lisa Moczynski, and Dick Skinner.

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 3:05 PM and stated that the meeting was being videoed.

Review minutes from Dec. 10, 2024, meeting: Motion by S. Perkins to accept minutes, seconded by K. Richards. L. Moczynski and G. Larrivee abstained. All in favor.

Review Dick Skinner's application to join committee: Need to have the application. Procedure would be for us to recommend approving, and then it goes to the Board of Selectmen to approve.

Keevan property temporary sign & receipt overlay of maps and letter for another opening. Temporary sign donated by D. Skinner.

The current owner of the parking lot easement approves work.

A letter sent Dec. 23rd about another possible entrance to the property but have not heard back from them. Follow up with visit in person.

Must get together for grant application. RTP grant is due Feb. 1st. Need to request full amount of project on town warrant. Also, need to make up a list of grants that we can pursue for this and other projects.

Conservation Drive acceptance and liabilities on all town properties: Send a thank you letter to Rob Cherrier. L. Moczynski will draft. Municipal property is not liable for accidents.

Gilboa St. lot opened – possibilities. Agreement with the town to have a smaller parking area, picnic tables, benches, plant trees, splash pad and park, get rid of pavement not used for parking. Is there access to the other side of the pond? G. Larrivee will follow up on.

Budget for May town meeting due date: \$5,000 for Keevan and grant match? Believe the town meeting is the 5th of May. S. Perkins will get more details. L. Moczynski will follow up on quote for the sign on Keevan property.

Old/New Business:

OLD: Status of Castle Caves – try again to put into chapter 97. We can tie this in with the over 55 development at the end of Caswell Court. Ask Matt for an update.

NEW: B. Kalagher attended the Feb. 3rd Conservation Commission meeting and updated them on the work we were doing on some of the town properties.

L. Moczynski made a motion to authorize the chair or the vice chair to sign documents on behalf of the Douglas Open Space Committee. G. Larrivee seconded the motion. All in favor.

S. Perkins will let Jenn know of the authorization.

Next meeting Feb. 18, 2025 at 3pm

Adjournment

L. Moczynski moved to adjourn at 4:50 PM. G. Larrivee seconded. All in favor.