

Shelburne Open Space Committee

June 24, 2013

Shelburne Town Hall

Present: David Schochet (chair), Rita Jaros, Larry Flaccus, Eugene Butler, Tom Miner, Linda Herrera (7:20pm)

Regrets: none

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by David Schochet.

2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 5/27/13 were reviewed

Action: moved by Jaros, seconded by Butler to accept as presented. Approved unanimously.

3. **OSRP Update:** status of the OSRP update discussed.

- It was agreed to develop packets for each Board highlighting the areas of interest and ask them to draft action items to support the data. Suggested committees/boards: Planning Board; Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Recreation Committee, Selectboard, ?ZBA, ? Board of Health, ?Assessors.
- The Open Space Committee also will take on developing action items for the major land conservation topics.
- Later this fall we will hold a general meeting with all committees after they have an opportunity to review and discuss action plans
- FRCOG is working on updates to maps and narratives

Next steps: Subcommittee will work on setting up packets to distribute to committees, and will assign an OSC representative to meet with each committee

4. **Open Space Committee on Website:** The new Town website is up and running and has the potential to allow committee members to post agendas, minutes, etc. Rita attended a training session conducted by webmaster Charlie Heath of own Websites. Additional people need to be trained to share the responsibility of posting.

Next steps: Rita will set up a time for her to explain the process to David, Larry and any others interested in learning.

5. **Communications:**

Next steps:

The Board sent a card to Joel Dwight expressing hopes for a quick recovery.

David will send apologies to the Agricultural Commission, as no OSC members were able to attend their meeting as expected.

6. **Open Space Conference:** David reported on an Open Space Conference he attended sponsored by the Mt Grace Land Trust. Representatives from many towns more in central Mass attended, open Space members, town committees, etc. to share information. Key topics included managing town land; grant funding; monitoring conservation restrictions; estate planning; outreach strategies. Two notable presentations were on North Quabbin Trails (Athol) by Bob Curley (www.nqta.org) and the Land for Good (Keene, NH) which works with farmers and land for farming and estate planning.

Next steps: refer members to websites noted for more information resources, and encourage members to attend similar conferences.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7:00pm.

8. **Adjournment:**

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm on motion by Rita, seconded by Linda.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Flaccus, Secretary pro-tem