

Minutes
Dracut Open Space Committee Meeting
February 20, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE:

Colleen Barclay, Marianne Blanchet, Bruce Cote, Emile Demers, Bill Greenwood, John Hire, Karen Merrill and Dave Sutherland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Bruce opened the February meeting of the Open Space Committee at 6:30PM in the meeting room of the Dracut Historic Society. He thanked the committee for being flexible and allowing the date of this month's meeting to be moved to tonight due to the winter weather.
- Karen asked if a start and end time were necessary on the agenda. Bruce agrees to look at the Open Meeting laws.
- Bruce reports that he has prepared a small presentation to the Selectmen for when he is invited to speak to them.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments at tonight's meeting.

REVIEW OF JANUARY 9TH MINUTES:

--The committee reviewed the minutes of January 9, 2013. Dave moved to accept the minutes as written. Colleen seconded that motion which passed unanimously. Bruce will hand deliver them to Town Hall.

REVIEW OF JANUARY 23RD MINUTES:

--The committee also reviewed the minutes of January 20, 2013, which was an executive session. Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Dave seconded that motion which passed unanimously. Bruce agreed to take these to Town Hall as soon as the amended version is provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Conservation Commission letter

Bruce provided copies of his letter to the Conservation Commission for review. He will attach the Quit Claim Deed which transferred the Long Pond parcel to the Conservation Committee, and a copy of Mass General Law (MGL Ch.40, Sec.8c. This letter will be copied to the Acting Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Counsel, and the Board of Selectmen. The committee discussed the letter and made revisions. Bruce plans to hand deliver this to the Conservation Commission.

Review of Proprietors' Way letter

The committee reviewed Bill's letter to the Acting Town Manager. Revisions were discussed and Bill will make the recommended changes. He agrees to hand deliver this letter and will copy the Selectmen.

Karen reports that she was told that there is an historic memo with information about land ownership at the beginning of the trail. She attempted to follow that lead, but was unable to locate any such letter.

Review of Proprietors' Way site visits

Karen reviewed the two site visits with Gay and Bob Corey for the committee. She reports that at the first visit, Bob and Gay walked a large part of the proposed trail. The second we walked in another direction. The Coreys had a camera at that visit, and they taped our walk, with narration by the committee about some of the history and what we hope to do with the parcel. Karen reports that she spoke to them recently and they have other information on this parcel that they will include in the "before" tape. She will look into a private viewing of that tape.

Review of OSC 2013 yearly report

Bruce tells us that the report was due on last Friday (February 14th). Due to the unexpected postponement of the February meeting, we did not have the opportunity to discuss this one final time at a meeting prior to submission. We had reviewed the reports several times, both at meetings and on-line, so the final copy was appropriate for submission.

NEW BUSINESS

We agreed to schedule the next three Open Space Committee meetings. We agreed on:

March 13th

April 10th

May 8th, and

June 12th

We also agreed to plan dates to go on a winter site visit. John offered to allow us to explore the field behind his home. He gave us the address and we agreed to meet on March 8th at 9AM. If appropriate, we may snowshoe.

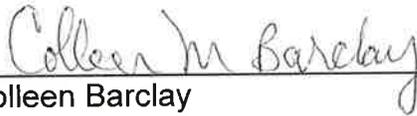
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Bruce Cote, Chairperson



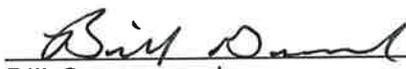
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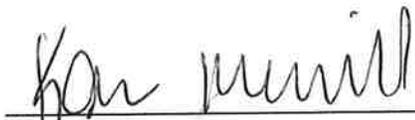
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