

Minutes
Dracut Open Space Committee Meeting
June 19, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Bruce opened this month's meeting of the Dracut Open Space Committee at 6:30PM at the Dracut Historic Society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bruce announced that Tami Dristiliaris, new member of the Board of the Selectmen and our newest liaison to that board, is in attendance. He introduced the committee members individually and welcomed her to our June meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No community members were present at this meeting.

REVIEW OF MAY 8th MINUTES:

The committee reviewed the minutes of May 8, 2014. Bill moved to accept as amended and Colleen seconded. The motion passed with five voting to pass and one abstention.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status and Activity of Proprietors' Way Project

Bill reports that he spoke with Mike Buxton who reports that the DPW will likely be unable to complete the work on this parcel until the fall due to the summer work schedule, including worker vacations, etc.

Bill also reported on the Water District Meeting. At that meeting, a towns person raised concerns that additional insurance may be needed to allow parking for this project which may then result in higher fees. The commissioners agreed to vote on the motion at their next meeting, but since they did not have full membership at that meeting, the subject was not brought up.

The committee agreed to meet at this site on July 20th at 9AM to work on that parcel.

Update on Conservation Commission's activity on the Long Pond Parcel

Bruce reports that he was unable to contact the commission, but he agrees to contact Lori again. He also informed Tami about the incursion issues at Long Pond and the actions we have taken.

Bruce read his email on this topic to the committee of 5/14/14 at 14:08 with the subject of "Follow up on action item" into the record:

I spoke with Lori Cahill at the Conservation Commission today and the Long Pond issue is on the agenda for the next meeting scheduled May 21st. It is listed under new business so there is no action (voting) planned. The commission will have a couple of weeks to think about it then the plan is to make some decision at the next meeting.

Public Forum Speaker Review, Rick Reault Presentation Planning

Karen reports that she read an article about pesticide usage and its effect on honeybees. She states that she read that pesticides are killing bees and therefore impacting pollination, etc. Rick was invited to tonight's meeting, but did not attend.

Review Notes from June Town Meeting

Bruce brought the Town Warrant from the June Town Meeting and some important topics were reviewed such as CPC funding issues, recreation land and the pipeline issues.

Gas Pipeline Extension News

The committee discussed the potential role that our committee might have in supporting discussions around that topic. We agreed that we should stay informed about it.

SITE VISITS:

Reports on any activity at Open Space sites

--Bruce reports that he was cycling near the Nickel Mine site and saw dirt bikes being unloaded. He walked the area later and found much debris and began to remove, but soon found that it was too extensive to carry out. Bill reminded him that we can drag it to the end and the DPW would agree to remove it. The committee offered assistance as needed.

--Emile reports that he went to the Long Pond site and found that the path remains damp. He raises the question about whether or not it would be environmentally sound to ask the DPW to put down some bark mulch. The committee suggests that he ask the Conservation Commission if they feel it would be a good course of action to effectively deter the water issue at that site.

NEW BUSINESS:

Venue for Wedding Locations

Karen reports that she spoke to a resident who reports that her daughter (Nicky Rondeau) and her daughter's fiancé would like to get married outside at a Dracut location. Karen reports that she suggested the open area at the Long Pond site or Kensington in conjunction with the Campbell School.

Open Space Site Signage/Mapping

We discussed having signs for all our sites. We would like some consistency in the signage at each site. Bill reports that the town can make signs for us. There was some discussion about what we would like for signs, but no decisions were finalized.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The committee agreed that our next meetings will be held on:

August 14, 2014 and

September 18, 2014

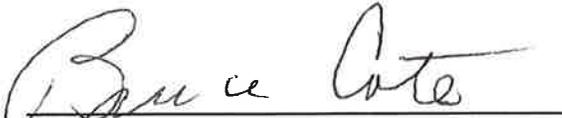
ADJOURNMENT

Marianne moved to adjourn the Open Space meeting of June 19th at 8:00PM. Bill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

THE DRACUT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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Bruce Cote, Chairperson



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