

Open Space Committee
Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Dracut Town Hall, 6:30PM
Selectmen Conference Room

- Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm. In attendance were Karen Merrill, Emile Demers, Dave Sutherland, Colleen Barclay, and Donna Corbin
 - Please note because the agenda was not posted in time, the meeting was to discuss items, but not take any action on items.
- Announcements – 1) Dave provided a grant possibility which was provided by Helen Dunlap. The Fields Pond Foundation Grant they are from \$500 to \$10,000. This is not for maintenance, but is for trails, water shore line. Karen suggested to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. 2) Boule Park dedication was a beautiful program. The Open Space Committee was well represented at the dedication. Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito were in attendance. The park look very nice with donated flowers and iron fencing featuring 5 helicopters representative of the lost lives - a helicopter that flew over the event helped commemorate the dedication. Over \$80,000 was raised for the park. It was a proud moment for Dracut. 3) Bruce sent a photograph of the Richardson Triangle Hay Field stone sign. 4) Bill met with the Town Engineer re: Yapp Farm
- Review and Accept October 2016 meeting minutes – No action taken. October minutes are deferred to the next meeting scheduled for Dec. 8, 2016
- Review and Accept October 2016 meeting minutes for meeting with Dracut Land Trust – No action taken – deferred to the next meeting scheduled for Dec. 8, 2016

New Business

- Meeting with Dracut Land Trust – the meeting was productive, but not sure what the Dracut Land Trust is expecting from the Open Space Committee. Further meetings were discussed to find ways to collaborate together
- Trail Markers Update – A group of members marked the trail network at the East Richardson trail. The markers are blue for outbound trails and white for inbound trails. 200 markers were installed. It was noted there is no buffer zone with the new construction along the outside boundaries of the trail. Karen will research the special permits for the Golf Course to confirm the buffer zone. Emile suggested that Cross Road should be the next priority for trail markings. Currently there are 160 markers on hand with materials still available to make more trail markers. (The current cost for the materials is \$230).
- Yapp Farm – Bill met w/town engineer to mark boundaries for the perimeter of the property on the street. An open grass field is part of the property that is potential for parking without major construction. There is a CPC meeting on December 6th to discuss the property. Bruce is on the agenda to discuss the parking needs and potential costs of engineering, excavating, moving of stone wall and construction of parking area. After this meeting OSC will discuss next steps. Karen asked if we should suggest handicapped accessibility for this

property? More discussion to follow. The Committee agrees the grass area would be good for the parking area.

Old Business

- Meeting Summary –
 - Karen had access to a copy of the special permit for the golf course - Section 12-stipulation 17 & 35 - there is a need to look at the plans to confirm the plots and buffer zones and a map that lists lot numbers. Karen will research the town maps on-line and report back at the next meeting.
 - Karen thanked all Committee members for attending the meeting
 - Next month agenda items:
 - Grant Opportunities
 - Follow up meeting with Dracut Land Grant
 - Cross Rd. Rifle Range Trail marking schedule
 - CPC meeting attendance for December 6th
- Adjourn – meeting ended at 7:25 pm

Scheduled meeting dates (all meetings at 6:30PM at Town Hall)

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Thursday, January 12, 2017

Thursday, February 9, 2017

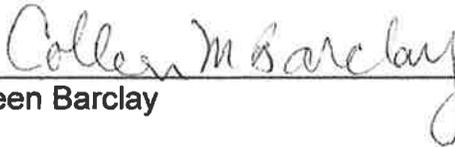
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Bruce Cote, Chairperson



Colleen Barclay



Marianne Blanchet



Donna Corbin



Emile Demers

Bill Greenwood



Karen Merrill



Dave Sutherland