

MINUTES
Dracut Open Space Committee Meeting
July 14, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE:

The June meeting was attended by committee members Marianne Blanchet, Donna Corbin, Bruce Cote, Emile Demers, Bill Greenwood, Karen Merrill, and Dave Sutherland.

CALL TO ORDER:

The July meeting of the Open Space Committee, in the Selectmen's Conference Room of the Dracut Town Hall, was opened by the Chairperson at 6:35PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was one community member in attendance who declined the offer to address the committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Emile made a motion which was seconded by Dave to accept the minutes of the June meeting as amended. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Videotaping – Bob and Gay were unexpectedly unable to attend the Nickel Mine walk-through, but it was a good walk for the members of the committee who did attend. Karen will follow up with them and will re-schedule to a time that is convenient for them. It was noted that the boy scouts did a good job removing debris, such as an old washing machine, etc. Motorcyclists were beginning to utilize the trail just as we arrived. Some questions about the exact boundaries of this parcel came up and Bruce suggested that we have it marked specifically. Bill pointed out the great effort and expense that would be required for Mark to physically go out and have to measure it all out.

Proprietors' Way – Bruce will talk to the Selectmen about clearing and signage on both ends of this parcel.

Funds and Allocation – Tony was to have checked to see if the Open Space Committee has a line item in this year's budget, but he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Bruce will ask him about this.

Trail Marker test – Emile came prepared with a piece of polycarbonate that he painted and left outdoors for over one month. The pieces was passed around amongst the committee who all agreed that this would make a good material for our trail markers. One sheet of polycarbonate will be painted, cut into squares, and have holes drilled and hardware attached. The committee voted unanimously that Emile can purchase these materials for up to \$250. Funding for this will come from the money will come from the money that Glen Edwards donated to the committee.

Yapp Farm – Bill will talk to the Highway Department on the beginning phases of the new parking lot in front of this parcel.

Review – Karen reported that she worked with Google Maps some more and she is still exploring Google MapMaker.

Tools update - Emile reported that we ordered tool, which comes with one blade and he purchased two more for \$53.13. Karen made a motion to reimburse Emile for the two extra blades. The Dracut Pathfinders will pay for the new blade guards that are needed. That vote passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Events and Meetings – We discussed the schedule for the upcoming summer. There will be no regularly scheduled meeting, but the committee would like to meet to clean up and utilize the **Long Pond Parcel** – The committee agreed to meet on this Monday, July 18th to do a clean-up, and the following week to Kayak.

August tasks

- Bruce will craft and send a thank you note to Gary Dumont from Dracut Hardware (1982 Lakeview Avenue) to thank them for their generosity to our committee.
- Bruce suggested that we spend the month considering what we want to accomplish in the near future, such as goals, etc.
- Donna will check with her business to see if they would be willing to provide the materials needed to create additional brochures.

ADJOURNMENT

- Bruce summarized the meeting and noted action items.
- Karen moved to close tonight's meeting at 8:00. Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Our meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month. All scheduled meetings will begin at 6:30PM in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Dracut Town Hall unless otherwise noted. The remaining meetings of 2016 are listed below:

There are no meetings scheduled for August

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Thursday, October 13, 2016

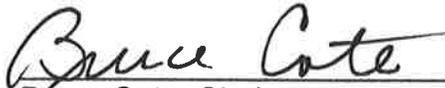
Thursday, November 10, 2016

Thursday, December 8, 2016

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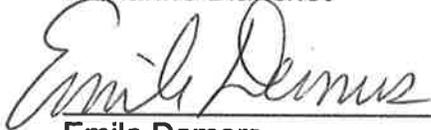
Bruce Cote, Chairperson



Marianne Blanchet



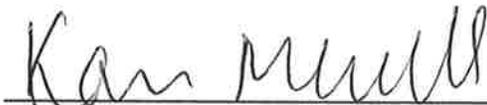
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