



6:30 PM – Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Present: Dave Martin, Chairman, John Brox, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Patrick Cox, Kylie Desrosiers, Alison Genest

Approval of Minutes

February 20, 2024 - Motion made by Mr. Brox to approve, second by Mrs. McCarthy. Motion passed.

Beaver Brook Farm Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee Update

Mrs. Genest reviewed the progress that the Committee has made over the past almost 2.5 years, citing the CPC unanimously voting for the \$978,000 infrastructure cost to be brought to Town Meeting, the Town saving the Seed Shed and the Conservation Restriction written and waiting on the State. She also stated that the Garden Club will be ready to get to work once the driveway, parking and trail work are completed.

Mrs. Genest stated that the partnership document created by the Friends of Beaver Brook Farm detailing how they will work with Town Administration going forward has been agreed to. It was always the plan for the Ad-Hoc to be temporary and build upon the foundation created by the initial Beaver Brook Farm Committee, so the Friends could begin to partner directly with the Town.

Mrs. Genest noted the financial difficulties that the Town is facing and at this time it wouldn't make sense for the Committee to be looking for more money to further stabilize the Seed Shed or do any work on the Farm, although the plan to do that work has been created and can be revisited in the future.

Mrs. Genest stated that she and Chairman Martin talked and now that the Committee's goals have been met it makes sense to disband the Ad-Hoc.

Mr. Cox stated that it wouldn't make sense for the Committee to continue to meet and do the work considering the financial situation.

Mr. Brox suggested how to approach speaking at Town Meeting to gain support for the infrastructure warrant article.

Mrs. Genest thanked the past and present members for their hard work and commitment to the Committee. She stated that if anyone is interested in continuing to be involved, they might look into becoming a member of the Friends.

Mr. Martin stated that the amphitheater and pergola plans can be re-visited in the future and that as a member of the Friends he will continue to be involved. He thanked the past and present members for their dedication to the Committee.

Mr. Martin was commended for being a great Chairman.

Adjournment

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 6:54 PM