

Open Space Committee Minutes - 01/17/2008

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
January 17, 2008
At Slusser Senior Center~
Minutes

Attendance:~ Bill Chapin, Ron Klemarczyk, Don Lane, Dijit Taylor, Susan Zankel,~~ (Bryan Pellerin was home sick)

Minutes of December meeting:~ Approved with minor corrections.

Old Business: ~~Gould Hill

Don reported on meeting between Jim Zeppeiri and Board of Selectmen.

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Dijit reported being contacted by the new Executive Director of LCHIP, who was seeking to learn about the history and status of the Gould Hill project as a possible LCHIP applicant.

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Susan provided an update from the group planning the Rotary public meeting. They plan to talk about several project structures that might be used to engage people interested in paying for a part of the continuation and conservation of the farm.~~ They are seeking experts in a number of related fields to attend the meeting on 1/29 and have a meeting with the Leadbeaters and realtor scheduled for 1/18.

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Appraisal: the rotary group wants to know if we are willing to share the existing appraisal with them.~ The town attorney has raised no objection to that, so the summary information was shared in time for the meeting the next day.

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Rotary group is interested in understanding more about what OSC is planning.

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Bill has ideas about the form of some of the business entities being explored by Rotary and will relay them to the Rotary group privately.

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NHCF has contacted OSC to report that they have a pool of funds (on the order of \$8000) that can be used to assist with a conservation campaign for Hopkinton

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Some on the committee felt that town vote should precede efforts to acquire funding through other sources.~

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Further elements of the Gould Hill discussion took place in non-public session.

Next meeting:~ Committee agreed to meet again on 1/24 at 7:30 p.m. at Slusser Center

Respectfully submitted, Dijit Taylor, recorder

Discussions of terms of acquisition, appraised value and possible price for projects under consideration by the open space committee are routinely conducted in non-public session under RSA 91-a:3, II (d).~ Minutes of the non-public sessions are sealed until the project is completed or released from consideration.