

Open Space Committee Minutes - 01/24/2008

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
January 24, 2008
At Slusser Center at 7:30 p.m.
Minutes

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Attendance:~~ Bill Chapin, Ron Klemarczyk, Don Lane, Bryan Pellerin Dijit Taylor, Susan Zankel

~Minutes of January 17 meeting:~ Not yet available

Old Business

Report for town report – pending?

Update on Gould Hill

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Don reported that he gave a complete copy of the 2005 appraisal to Jim Zeppeiri

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Susan and Bryan recap Rotary planning meeting from earlier in the week

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Rotary group had long meeting with Leadbeaters last week

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Leadbeaters now willing to consider protecting/selling west side of road as well as east side of road

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Leadbeaters support Rotary group and town working together to offer them a total package

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Rotary wants to create a project structure that will work; has an expert checking the books of the farm to see if the orchard is a viable business

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Erick says he has a farmer who can run the farm

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An updated appraisal is needed; one that the town, Rotary and Leadbeaters can all agree to.~~ OSC needs to check with town attorney to make sure it is OK to share the cost of updating the appraisal.~~~~

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After much discussion, OSC agrees to delay proposal for town funding until the changes in possible project structure and area evolve further.

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Dijit to contact Leadbeaters to seek permission to break the confidentiality of the negotiations to speak openly at Rotary meeting about OSC effort to secure a conservation easement on the farm (but not the appraised value or price to be offered)

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

Susan to draft questions OSC might ask potential conservation partners about the type of assistance they could provide in this project.

Next meeting:~ February 7, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the 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.