

Open Space Committee Minutes - 05/21/2008

Hopkinton Open Space Committee
Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Hopkinton Town Library Local History Room
7 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance: Ron Klemarczyk, addressStreetDon Lane,
CityBryan Pellerin, PersonNameDijit Taylor, Susan Zankel

Minutes of May 7 meeting: accepted with minor corrections

Old Business

Gould Hill

- 5RCT-OSC discussion of draft P&S - Bryan and 5 Rivers' representative have been working on a draft P&S. (Ron recuses himself from) Discussion of what price to include in proposal, and whether to include a single price or a maximum and minimum price. Discussion about whether the proposal be contingent on a new farmer being found and ready to go. placeCityBryan to continue working with 5RCT and circulate draft to committee when ready for comments.

- Gould Hill Orchard Project – Susan and Mark met on 5/18 with group of local people who want to continue with the idea of local support for the project – the successors to the Rotary-Zepieri group. This group is eager to continue and feels their most important role is fund raising. They are not interested in farm management. They have scheduled a meeting with Equity Trust on June 1. They feel that a memorandum of understanding between the various groups involved is needed.

- Appraisal(s) – There has been some confusion about payment to Spring Appraisal for the work they did

recently. OSC will work to be sure payment is made for work completed, and to get the appraisal updated to include additional comparative sales.

- Realtor - Kristin and Leadbeaters are moving toward needed survey work and possible additional appraisal.
- Working Group – The Working Group that was making such good progress will need to be reconstituted with the departure of Zeppieri from the project. Decision of how and when to continue to be made after June 1 meeting with Equity Trust. It may make sense for the OSC to take the lead in convening meetings of the working group. Mark will talk to Equity Trust before the meeting to explore the possibilities of 5RCT and ET working together on the project.
- Outreach – To minimize public confusion about the project, it will be important to do positive outreach in the media as soon as there is something specific to report.

Other

- Rice parcel - Ron walked the property with Lori Sommer of 5RCT preparation for finalizing the conservation easement on that property
- Rollins – the amount of junk to be removed before the conservation easement can be put in place is too large for the town crews to squeeze into their limited spare time, or for the conservation commission to handle as volunteers, so a contractor will be hired to remove it

Next meeting was planned for June 4, but subsequently rescheduled for June 18.

Respectfully submitted,

PersonNameDijit Taylor, chair and recorder