

Open Space Meeting July 7, 2008

Present: Jassy Bratko, Charlie Clark, Joe Cataldo, Dottie Athens, Catherine Galbreath, Leslie Greiner

Meeting called to order 7:00pm

Minutes read by Leslie, motion to accept by Charlie, 2nded by Catherine, all in favor.

Discussed removal options for large amount of slash left from foresting Mt Jefferson Conservation Area.

1. Donate slash in exchange for mowing rec field.
2. Putting option of buying and removal out to bid, with the profits to the town as part of the Mt Jeff revenues.

Jassy offered that Chuck Perna (Regional Forester for DCR) will send an example of contracts for above.

Discussed final legal expenses for Malone Rd acquisition, which are \$5171.50, so far we have raised \$9645.00, with a difference of \$4471.50. Jassy will meet with town Deb Roussell, town administrator on July 8th re: management plans and reimbursement from the state.

Conservation Commission ok'd above per Jassy.

Discussed Malone Rd Management Plan :

1. Fill in 2 wells with washed sand or to cap them. DEP to be consulted.
2. Putting commemorative sign of property, not with CPA funds. Names of donors to be on sign.
3. Removal of 3 large piles of rubbish.
4. Reclaim fields for haying.
5. Mark trails, add to trail map.
6. Mark boundaries
7. Schedule visit with Fire Chief at the house. All members expressed desire to attend. Jassy to call Seth.
8. Charlie will look at the wells.
9. Joe will explore sign options, perhaps with Monty Tech for placement in the late fall.
10. Heavy equipment needed to remove rubbish. Joe and Charlie will check with salvage company. Also explored option of putting rubbish/scrap metal out to bid.
11. Haying to be discussed with Paul Laine.
12. Will check with DCR conservation restriction re: no new trails to explore trail option at Malone Rd., and reprint trail map.
13. In other-business, discussed other properties of interest for future protection, eg the Kaijala property, 90 acres owned by Peg Aalto on Brighton St, 350 acres owned by Cynthia Richards near the Bemis Rd and the Princeton line, 250 acres owned by John Prentiss on Prentiss Hill Rd/Adams Rd., 20 acres owned by Ron Hopper on Thompson Rd, and an historic mill.
14. Discussed Malone Rd dedication.

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15. Discussed possible future fund-raisers.
16. Dottie-motion to adjourn, Catherine 2nded. All in favor.
17. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.
18. Leslie Greiner - Secretary