

March 3, 2014 Hubbardston Open Space Meeting Minutes

Hubbardston Senior Center

7:15pm Meeting called to order.

Members present: Jassy Bratko, Bob Hatch, Charlie Clark, Joe Cataldo, Susan Fox, Pat Taylor, Leslie Greiner

Meeting being privately audio/video recorded per request of Wendy Howes.

Leslie read the minutes of Feb 3, 2014. Susan made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Bob Hatch seconded, all in favor.

The committee discussed Wendy Howes' letter of Feb 28, 2014 sent to the Open Space Committee with a cc to Anita Schiepers, Town Administrator. In the letter, Ms Howes requested clarification of several issues. The committee felt after much discussion on each issue, that it would be in Ms. Howe's and the committee's best interests to reiterate our request that she attend an Open Space Meeting. It was agreed that Jassy would write a letter to Ms. Howes in response to her letter. If Ms. Howes has questions regarding how the meetings are reported in the minutes she has the option to fill out an open meeting complaint form, and that she should make request to be in the agenda for the April meeting. Pat made a motion to accept the committee's response, Charlie seconded the motion. All in Favor

On the subject of trail maintenance, the committee continued in its efforts to find the best way to make the trails safe and help prevent slippery surfaces. Bob brought in some samples of soil stabilizers that are used in excavation. He said he would get back to committee with more information, suitability, and prices for the materials that could be used for bridges and trails that may become slippery due to moisture buildup.

On the subject of the Open Space Survey, it was noted that March 3 is the deadline. Alan Rawle requested paper copies of the survey, and his request is duly noted. The committee discussed the items on the survey, which has not yet been finalized. The committee discussed the need to create the new 5-year plan of goals based on the final results of the town surveys.

The committee was advised that Janet Morrison of the North County Land Trust and Jay Rasku of the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership will be holding a meeting in Gardner the first weekend of April. This is to be an informational meeting for local landowners who may be interested in obtaining more details regarding possible land trusts they may be interested in for their land.

The committee discussed creating the next 5-year plan based upon the final results of the town surveys.

Justin Silkey, for his honor society recognition, will finish his 25 hours of community service by walking all the trails and noting their condition so that the Open Space Committee members can begin to plan the trail maintenance that will be needed after the winter.

Jassy requested that the videographer turn off his camera off and leave the room since the committee was to go into Executive Session. Open meeting adjourned 8:55pm.

At 8:55 pm, the committee reconvened for Executive Session in order to discuss reason #1.

The vote to go into Executive Session was enacted by a roll call of all members, Pat-yes, Sue-yes, Leslie-yes, Charlie-yes, Joe-yes, Bob-yes, Jassy-yes. The motion passes.

Executive Session in Order.

After Executive Session, Joe made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Roll call: Joe-yes, Pat-yes, Sue-yes, Leslie-yes, Charlie-yes, Bob-yes, Jassy-yes. Motion passes. Executive Meeting is adjourned.

Sue made a motion to adjourn the open meeting, Charlie seconded. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Greiner