

April 6, 2015 Open Space Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:00pm Members present: Jassy Bratko, Robert Hatch, Susan Fox, Joe Cataldo, Pat Taylor, Leslie Greiner

Pat read minutes she recorded of March 2, 2015 meeting. Susan made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Jassy reported that she met with the Conservation Committee who approved the committee to make an offer of lots 1E and 2E Malone Rd. The town would be under no obligation to maintain Malone Rd if the lots on the road were conservation land. Kraig Kaijala signed the offer to accept the offer of \$100,000.00 for both lots, subject to the lot lines review and subject to perc tests. Jassy will file the form with DCR to request if the lots are buildable. The final transaction would be subject to town approval at the next town meeting. Paperwork must be completed by May 1. Jassy also spoke with Mark Germagian regarding his purchase of 4 lots on Malone Rd. He requested \$72,000.00 per lot. Jassy advised that the committee will be meeting with the selectboard for approval. The purchases would be covered by a land grant and CPA funds over 5 years and funding that would be of no cost to the town. The land grant could cover \$3,000.00 toward the appraisal of the land.

The committee met with the selectboard and obtained their approval to continue negotiations. There will be a meeting for the selectboard to determine discontinuing maintenance on Malone Rd. There would need to be a vote by the selectboard.

The committee needs to meet with the Conservation Committee for their approval since they would oversee the care and control of the land. The Open Space Plan would need to be updated in order for the CPA and necessary land grants to help fund the purchase. DCR would be interested in the purchase for local acquisition and natural diversity conservation land.

Americorps has agreed to begin maintenance on the Gates Hill trail in early May.

Susan made a motion to adjourn, Pat seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Greiner - secretary