

MINUTES

**GREEN SPACE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE AT TOWN HALL STREAMS
6:30 p.m.**

Committee members present: Clairlynn Rountree, Kathleen Thornton (Chair), Heather Jackson, Don Kleiner, and Josh White

Others present: None.

1. Meeting called to order: 6:30 p.m. by Kathleen Thornton.

2. Reading and approval of minutes for previous meetings:

Motion to approve the November 17, 2022 minutes by: Heather Jackson
2nd by: Clairlynn Rountree
3-0-2 abstentions (Kleiner, White)

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Develop presentation and report to be provided to the select board describing options to protect the Coggins Hill property from development and ensure informal public access:

Kathleen thanked Wendy Reinemann for writing the draft report, which they will start with and go through section by section, no motions to the contrary.

Don suggested as a point of order, do a page at a time, suggest changes, and see if it's in or out. Kathleen accepted that, also asking for larger insertions, then a blanket correct wording. She went to make a motion, but Don said she cannot as chair. The document is displayed on a projection screen.

Motion to add more background information to the first page of the report for the benefit of select board members who weren't on the board at the time by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Heather Jackson

Discussion included: Kathleen has a draft describing the property which flows into the purpose. She pointed it out on the screen. Point of order, Don asked for acronyms to be read aloud. She will copy into a working document once they vote. Don wanted dates filled in.

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Above motion passes, 5-0.

Procedure with motions, etc. was discussed.

Motion to edit Purpose & Objective section by: Heather Jackson
2nd by: Don Kleiner

Discussion included: “Former select board member Josh White.” Acronyms expanded.
Don called the question.

Above motion passes, 5-0.

Motion to accept Methodology section with the discussed edits by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Heather Jackson

Discussion included: Kathleen mentioned other organizations and added attorney Roger Therriault’s name, will cut and paste. Parentheses, grammar, etc. Kathleen added a section with towns and all the people they talked to including St. George. Add the dates people attended. Kathleen would like to add electronic links. Acronyms expanded. Move relevant section(s). Clean up bullets. Per Don actions taken will change to request for funding and a warrant item on the town vote. CMP has a ROW on our piece of property. Don called the question.

Above motion passes, 5-0.

Motion to approve the Current Situation Assessment with the following edits by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Clairlynn Rountree

Discussion included: bottom paragraph that was moved to the background. Quote on private land use for the enjoyment of the public. Quote from Comprehensive Plan.

Above motion passes, 5-0.

Motion to move in section on Restricting Future Development and Allowing Informal Public Access with the following amendments by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Heather Jackson

The committee extensively discussed the paragraphs and the table, including funding sources, deed restrictions, lawyer questions. Confirm select board cannot override a town vote; who has legal authority to enforce the deed restriction if the town sells the property which cannot be resolved tonight; minimum access part of the easement, more access would just be up to the town. Say “agricultural” rather than “blueberry,” “use” rather than “production.”

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Motion to table above by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Heather Jackson
5-0

Clairlynn said she's not willing to be in this board meeting beyond May 15.

Re: select board presentation, Kathleen said Jay thinks the select board may want an actual easement to vote on vs. an actual deed restriction, side by side details, which will take a lot of work. She asked permission for what they've done on the report, to alter the presentation to fit what they've agreed on so far, and come next week with that much of the presentation. They will have slides.

Motion to direct Kathleen to develop a presentation based on the headings in this draft report by: Don Kleiner

Clairlynn and Josh had questions.

Motion to ask Kathleen to develop a presentation based on the headings, and in the speaker notes in our presentation will be the points she's going to cover under each of those headings, by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Josh White
0-5 Motion fails.

Motion that Kathleen puts together a program with slides that have individual topic headlines with as few bulletins as she can get away with, and be prepared to talk about each bulletin while the slide is up, by: Josh White
2nd by: Heather Jackson
5-0

Motion to send changes inserted, with track changes on so they show up in red, so we can show up prepared to have a conversation about those proposed changes, or if more comfortable leave as is and send us separately proposed changes for the second half by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Heather Jackson
5-0

5. Next meeting is February 8

6. Adjourn:

Motion by: Don Kleiner
2nd by: Josh White
5-0

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Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary