

MINUTES

GREEN SPACE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 ONLINE BY ZOOM 6:30 p.m.

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present

Kathleen Thornton, Heather Jackson, Donald Kleiner, Joshua White, Clairlynn Roundtree .

Minutes of the last meeting approved. Kathleen made a motion to accept the minutes as written (with some clean up needed from the mac to pc translation) Heather second 3 in favor one abstained.

There was no public comment.

Kathleen followed up with the surveyor and while we do not have an official estimate it would appear that the budget request is higher than needed. It was decided to put forward that request anticipating that it will be reduced as soon as we have a firm quote.

Kathleen will follow up with selectboard to make sure our request is in.

Considerable time was spent developing our list of Questions for Landowners who have easements which are below in draft form.

Where is the land that you have an easement on?

Can you generally describe the property?

What was your intent in putting an easement on the property?

Who is the easement holder?

Did you consider other organizations as potential easement holders for this property?

Can you describe the working relationship with that organization?

Did you work with a single point of contact at the organization when developing the easement?

Was the easement written with input from you and the organization?

Who visits the land now to make sure that the terms of the easement are being met? Is that consistent?

Has there been any enforcement needed of the terms of the easement?

If so can you describe how that was handled?

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What would you do differently if there was a second chance?

How long did the process take from beginning to end?

Additional Questions specific to towns

Did you consider other options such as a deed restriction?

What process did you use to get town approval of the easement?

How was it financed?

Does your easement allow for recreational use? And perhaps improvements to support that recreation?

The discussion then turned to future agenda items.

Are we actually performing the role of a Conservation Commission and is there value in pursuing a name change?

We will discuss the potential for a non profit based in the town that might hold an easement. Recognizing that this adds another layer of complexity.

Next meeting date will be 3/23/22 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Don Kleiner