

**LAND USE COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
Mendon Town Hall Mail Room**

**Members Present:** Sharon Cutler, Anne Mazar, Barry Iadarola, Peter Coffin.  
**Also Present:** John Gomersall

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Chairman Anne Mazar.

Minutes of 9-11-14 were reviewed. **A motion was made by Barry Iadarola to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Peter and passed with unanimous approval.**

Anne explained that the Library Trustees plan to turn the property at 131 North Avenue over to the BOS for management to allow for agricultural use of the property. John Gannett has approved this change of use for this property that was formerly to be used for only a Library or for open space. The idea here is to have the property farmed and eventually establish a farmers market. **Barry moved that the change in use of this property be approved by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Peter Coffin and passed with unanimous approval by the Committee.**

Anne discussed the proposed funding mechanism for the purchase of the Pearson Farm. Looking at the map of the property, the strategy for funding will be that section A will be purchased by the Fisheries & Wildlife to extend the acreage on the existing property that they own. A farmer will purchase sections B&C for approximately \$395K and the Town will hold a conservation restriction on these sections. Purchase of this property will not require borrowing from the Town if these two options can be realized. **Peter moved to support articles 19 & 21 on the 11/5/14 Special Town Meeting to support the Pearson property project. The motion was seconded by Barry and passed unanimous approval by the Committee.** Anne agreed to notify Con-Con of our decision.

Shawn Clifton, Eagle Scout, has completed his project of building a bridge at Meadow Brook Woods that is strong enough and wide enough to allow for horseback riding and crossing. Per Anne, the bridge is really lovely and adds a lot to this property.

**Barry moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:35. Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.**

Submitted by Sharon Cutler