

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm**  
**Mendon Town Hall Mail Room**

**Members Present:** Sharon Cutler, Anne Mazar, Barry Iadarola, Peter Coffin, Mark Reil  
**Guest:** Bill Dakai

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Anne Mazar.

Bill Dakai, contributor to the Town Forest Comm. but a resident of Millville, presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town Forest Committee and the New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) for the purpose of use and maintenance of the trail system in the Mendon Town Forest. The Committee felt that the MOU should also include the Trail By-Law.

After further discussion, the Committee recommended that Bill and another member of the Town Forest Committee meet with Diane Willoughby to be scheduled for a BOS meeting to get their agreement on the MOU. **Motion: Sharon moved that the board recommend to the Select Board the approval of the MOU between the Town Forest Committee and the New England Bike Associate as written. Mark seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote. Barry Iadarola abstained.**

In agreement with the request from the Town Forest Committee request: **Motion: Sharon made a motion to support the renaming of the Mendon Town Forest to the Shirley Smith Memorial Town Forest. Mark seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.**

In preparation for Town meeting approval of the Land Use Five Year Plan, **Motion: Sharon moved to approve the Five-Year Land Use Plan as stated in the goals of the Mendon Open Space and Recreation Plan. Barry seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.**

The Committee discussed the need for fertilizing the trees at Founders Park to continue with the ongoing maintenance program. **Motion: Sharon moved that \$475 be transferred from the Founder's Park Account to have Bartlett Tree Service fertilize the trees at Founders Park. Barry seconded the motion and it was passed with unanimous approval.**

The Committee discussed the final changes that had been made to the Trails By-Law. **Motion: Peter moved that the Committee approve the Trail and Associated Areas By-law as written. Sharon seconded the motion and it passed with a majority vote. Barry Iadarola abstained.**

The Committee discussed possible changes to the Open Space By-Law as the planning board is in the process of negotiating the first development under this by-law. The discussion considered possible ways in which the Planning Board could be given more strength in the process. We will wait for a rewrite of the By-law to approve proposed changes.

The By-law Committee is considering a Solar By-law. There will be a hearing on this 5/11/15. Most of the committee felt that carport solar would be a good change but there was question on Solar anywhere in Town. Anne urged all to come to the open hearing.

**Motion: Peter moved that the minutes of 3/12/15 (that were distributed via email to the members) be approved as written. Mark seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous approval of the Committee.**

**Motion: Barry moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45. Mark seconded the motion**

**and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.**

Submitted by Sharon Cutler  
Secretary