

LAND USE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015 at 7:30 pm
Mendon Town Hall Mail Room

Members Present: Sharon Cutler, Anne Mazar, Mark Reil

Guest: Kevin Rudden

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Anne Mazar.

Minutes of 5-6-15 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Reil to approve the minutes as written. Anne Mazar stepped down to second the motion and with unanimous approval.

Discussion took place on assigning Liaisons to the Land Use Committee for Meadow Brook Woods Conservation Area, Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area and Quissett Wildlife Management Area. The thoughts of those present were to have these Liaisons identify maintenance needs, organize volunteers to address those needs, manage and seek matching grants for property improvements. Kevin agreed to research other communities with these programs and draft a potential responsibilities list. It was decided to wait for a full complement of the Committee before putting these appointments to a vote.

The committee discussed the possibility of potentially identifying a place on town property to allow for ATV use. Pros and Cons were discussed and it was decided that having a place for the use of ATVs should not be done as it would invite too many ATV users from other communities since the state and most other communities do not allow their use due to the destruction of property.

A brief discussion took place on potentially exempting over 65 & certain income limits on CPA funds. The members generally agreed, once the requirements were drafted and could be reviewed, that the committee would look favorably on this option.

Anne notified us that Meghan Murphy was working on mapping of the Quissett trail. Trail Riders have received a grant and are currently working with Con/Com over the wetlands.

The North Avenue Vegetable Farm changes for the deed, Barn, Well, Vegetable Garden have been completed. No animals will be allowed.

Cook Cemetery came under discussion as a potential site for needed cemetery space in town.

Action Item: Sharon will contact Peg Tetreault to find out the available space in the George Street cemeteries and bring the information back to the committee at the next meeting.

Anne notified the committee that the property at 4 Morrison Drive was for sale. There was no interest by the committee members present to pursue the purchase.

Previously approved engineering costs, to determine the meets and bounds at 13 Pleasant Street, was discussed. Anne recommended that we hold off contracting for this engineering expense since the sale of abutting property would create the information we were looking for.

We were advised that the Historical Commission has applied for a grant to conduct a Town Hall Campus Study that would look at the buildings and make recommendations for changing, eliminating and reuse.

The trail system signage for MBW is a work in progress.

Kevin advised the committee that the cabin at MBW has an approved punch list for completion.

Mark Reil made a motion to approve the May 6, 2015 meeting minutes. Sharon seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval of the committee.

Sharon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM. Mark seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous approval.

Submitted by Sharon Cutler
Secretary