

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm Old Taft Library

Members Present: Sharon Cutler, Anne Mazar, Barry Iadarola and Mark Reil

Guests: Bill McHenry, Carl Hummel

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Anne Mazar.

Minutes from the 5/25/16 meeting were reviewed. **Motion:** Barry moved that the minutes from 5/25/16 be approved as written. Mark seconded the motion and it passed with the unanimous approval of the Committee.

Discussion took place on the Starrett Property with those present. Anne explained that the Agricultural Committee and farmers are interested in the property. The November town meeting will be the last before the Annual Town Meeting so that if the property comes before the BOS for a right of first refusal in order to act on the item money would have to be available. **Motion:** Sharon moved that \$400K for purchase of the Starrett property be approved from the CPA funds and placed on the November Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mark seconded the motion. Yea votes were, Sharon, Mark and Anne. Barry abstained.

A brief discussion took place on the analysis and cost of new homes completed by Anne. Anne wanted feedback so the data could be forwarded to the Fincom and BOS.

Bill McHenry advised the committee that National Grid would like to partner with the Town paying with volunteerism to promote the energy audits for efficiency. The Town can earn up to \$10K/year on this program. Bill asked if some of the 350th events might be appropriate. Sharon felt that only those events that had vendor participation would be appropriate. She also asked that Bill check with other towns that may have entered into partnership on this program. There have been some issues with the Mass save program and some of their actions have left a bad rep.

Bill also updated the Committee on the Electric Vehicle purchased under the green community's initiative. The vehicle will be a Nissan leaf. Mass bid is \$23,000, green community grant \$15,881.25, Town will pay \$788 for extended range battery, \$7,500 dual head charging station. The town will lose a vehicle from highway to off-set this new vehicle.

Anne advised the committee about the support received from CMRPC for the mapping of trails. The Inman/Quissett trail map is almost complete. There is a map posted at the town website.

131 North Ave has finally been signed over to the Gannett family. Conservation restriction will follow and it was so stated in the turnover.

A \$21,500 grant has been received for design of 3.2 acres for affordable housing at 52 Providence Road. Town will own the land and Bill is working with CMRPC on housing description and the process.

The trail walks to introduce residents to the Mendon open space parcels conducted for the 350th were very well received with 40 – 50 people at each.

Motion: Mark moved that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by Sharon and passed with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by Sharon Cutler
Secretary