

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021 7:00PM.

Remote Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Peter Coffin, Barry Iadarola, Anne Mazar, Frank Niro and Dan Byer

1. Trask Property– Anne reminded the Committee that the town owns the 60+/- property located on Trask Road subject to a life estate in favor of Jeffrey Gagnor. The property is subject to certain restriction in that it may only be used for a park, open space, sports or ball fields or a school. The site is located at the end of Trask Road which is noted on the plan as a public way. The Committee discussed the possibility of carving out 5 acres around the dwelling and conveying to Mr. Gagnor and having the town own the rest of the land outright. Town counsel and Gagner’s lawyers have already done preliminary work on this. The Committee had many questions around the life estate on the property. After discussion the committee decided that a site visit was necessary to assess the condition of the property and report back at the next regular meeting.
2. Applewood Subdivision Open Space Access - Anne brought up for discussion the status of the Applewood subdivision and the open space. Anne explained that Lot 5 has been conveyed to the buyer and the developer reserved an access easement along its side boundary with certain restrictions. Discussion involved the status of the road approval and bond money, alternative access sites to the open space and the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties with respect to the easement and the Open Space. Anne mentioned that the MOU mistakenly refers to Metacomet, and should be amended to state that the Land Trust is the appropriate party to the agreement
3. Meadowbrook Woods – Trails have been cleared and will be marked.
4. Inman Pond had less weeds this year than previous years and next year’s plan is to transition to volunteer maintenance.
5. Update on Open Space and Recreation Plan – Anne stated that the Open Space and Recreation Plan should be complete sometime around June 2021.
6. Barry made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
7. Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM, Frank seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Frank Niro