

## **LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022 7:00 PM

Remote Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:** Anne Mazar, Peter Coffin, Barry Iadarola, Alejna Brugos, Carolyn Barthel and Frank Niro.

1. Barry Iadarola made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and accept the May 17, 2022 minute, Frank Niro seconded the motion which was voted unanimously.
2. Blackstone Watershed Collaborative – Anne gave to the Committee an update on the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative. The Mendon Select Board support the proposal.
3. Beaver Solutions - Update
4. Solarize Mass – ACE Solar is determining if a 25K solar array could be put on the high school to benefit both Mendon and Upton. The system would be donated by ACE Solar as a part of the Mendon-Upton Solarize Mass Plus program.
5. Boundary Signage - Anne reported that all boundary signs have been placed at Gaskill Woods and Inman Hill Road.
6. Applewood and Pond Street Subdivisions – Anne updated the Committee on the Open Space progress and the progress of the Land Stewards.
7. Grant Money – Anne reported that the town has received grant money of \$15,000 for an electric vehicle for police chief. Barry asked about tax credits and Anne responded that there are no tax credits available for the electric vehicle., because the town does not pay taxes. Anne reported that there will be two (2) charging stations located at town hall.
8. Anne reported that the town has received \$59,500 for retro work on Clough HVAC and the town will receive close to \$42,000 through an EVIP grant for the installation of the EV charging station at town hall.
9. Special Town Meeting – No warrant items pending.
10. Town Well Study – Sept 28 meeting 4-6 pm. Carolyn inquired why we need a town well. Alejna explained that the town well may help promote commercial development. Peter stated that he supports the town well study and exploration, but only if the town has control over the water and sewer.
11. Trask Property – Anne reported that the Grafton Upton Railroad has clear cut over 100 acres in Hopedale near the Trask property.
12. Carolyn reported that it has been 3 years since the Green Electrical Aggregation Initiative has been filed with the state and that nothing will move forward until we have a new governor.

**Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Next Meeting October 11, 2022 @ 7pm

Submitted by Frank Niro