

Notes from the **Milton CC Casey Road Land Protection Sub-committee Meeting**

**Thursday, November 2, 2017** at 5:30 pm at the Emma Ramsey Center

Present: Cynthia Wyatt, Karen Golab, and Virginia Long

(Wayne Sylvester arrived at 6:02 pm and left at 6:20 pm)

6:38 pm Karen called meeting to order

**Minutes:**

Virginia requested corrections to minutes be limited to substantive changes, not typos, because of the burden of tracking and submitting corrected minutes. Karen and Cynthia agreed.

Cynthia moved to approve last month's minutes (10/12/2017), Karen seconded, all approved.

**5-acre Subdivision:**

Karen reported that we are on the agenda of the 11/7 Planning Board meeting to get approval to merge the 5 lot subdivision plus road right of way into a single parcel. Per the governing RSA, the BOS needs to request the merger, since it is town-owned land, and there needs to be a public hearing and abutters notified. Cynthia will call Bruce Woodruff (town planner) to check on the procedure and inquire about who counts as an abutter.

**Structure removal:**

The structures on the 73-acre Casey Rd property have been torn down but not yet burned. Pat Smith will send a bill to the CC for costs of disposal of materials.

**Town Walk:**

The Trail Party and Guided Walk is set for 12/2 , 10 am – noon. Andy Rawson will give the welcome and Cynthia will update on the status of the conservation project and the warrant articles needing approval.. All will ask for refreshments donations (ideas: McKenzie's Farm and Dunkin Donuts) or bring food. Virginia had drafted and distributed a press release about the walk for newspapers and web publicity. Cynthia will get some yard signs made and fliers. Wayne volunteered to help put up signs, bring food, and lead a second walk if needed. Karen will get copies of maps to hand out. Parking needs to be clarified.

Selectman Ryan Thibeault dropped in to the meeting around 6:30 pm. We asked him about parking and he agreed to investigate and get back to us by email in the next day or so, before publicity deadline. We decided to notify neighbors along Casey Road and Dana said she would do so. Virginia drafted a letter to mail to Casey Road residents to give them advance notice of the event and of parked cars along the road that day.

**11.3-acre abutting open space property:**

Mitchell Group (Town attorney) responded to Virginia and Cynthia's letter explaining that the reason the town does NOT own this parcel in full, only 5/12, is because the town cannot claim for back taxes a

property from someone that does not own the property. Snyder only owned 5/12 of the property at the time. ALSO, individual landowners of the Liberty Circle parcels each owning 1/12 of the open space are already assessed for their interest in their taxes so to ask them to pay again would be double taxation. So all the town can do is ask landowners to donate their interest to the town. Committee wants to pursue this.

**Warrant articles:**

Warrant articles are due in mid-December; we need to prepare an article about the 5-5-acre parcel (after it is merged) --asking for town residents to approve retaining for public use and placing under conservation easement and merging with the 73-acre property.

6:55 pm adjourned

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Virginia