

DRAFT MINUTES

The Charlestown Planning Commission Held a Site Walk on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Platner at 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call

Present were Ruth Platner, Frances Topping, Erin Russell, Lew Johnson, Sherry Krupka

Absent and excused were Barbara Heavers, Kathryn O'Connor

Also present were Town Planner Jane Weidman, Town Council Liaison Bonnie Van Slyke, Town Councilor George Tremblay, and Sue Tremblay

3. Location

A. The site of a proposed open space acquisition, AP 23, Lot 11. Meeting place was the Town Hall parking lot.

The Charlestown Planning Commission held a site walk on Wednesday, April 4th, at the site of a proposed open space acquisition next to Town Hall on South County Trail. The members met at the Town Hall parking lot near the driveway into Town Hall and next to lot 23/11.

We walked into the property using the access driveway for Puchalski Field, the athletic field behind Town Hall. We noted that this driveway is already on the subject property. We noted some soil and salt that was flowing from the salt barn and parking lot down this gravel access road and into the woodland edge.

We continued south through the woods to the graveyard on lot 23/11. The graveyard covers a large area with a mix of head stones. Some of the stones are large and others small. The larger stones were broken or toppled. We noted the graveyard boundaries will need to be researched and clearly marked and the graveyard cleaned up.

We continued a bit more south until we estimated we may have gone more than 100 feet, the width of the property. We then turned and were led by Sue Tremblay to a maintained path that would lead us east in the direction of the wetlands.

We followed this path through the forest, noting that the forest was open without a lot of understory plants. Walking was very easy in these woods.

As we walked we picked up small amounts of trash that appeared to be left by spectators at the athletic events in Puchalski Field. Sue Tremblay explained that both private properties, on both sides of the playing field, are frequented by trespassing spectators.

We continued on a path east of Puchalski field that eventually connected to a trail on the Tremblay's land on lot 23/8. We continued on private land at the invitation of the Tremblays. We then walked along the north side of Puchalski field again finding pieces of trash in the woods left by people using the athletic field.

We continued on this private path until we were behind the Salt Barn and then walked onto the Town Hall parking lot at the north end.

We adjourned the site walk at 7:05 pm and assembled again indoors for our Special Meeting held that same night at 7:10 pm.