



Open Space Commission

Briscoe Lang
Commission Chairman

Michael Belanger, MD

Melissa D. Travis

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CUMBERLAND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION

Monday August 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M

Hayden Center, Room 4
Cumberland Public Library
1464 Diamond Hill Road
Cumberland RI 02864
OPEN SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Lang

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Briscoe Lang, Dr. Michael Belanger and Melissa Travis

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Motion by M. Belanger to accept June 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Vote 3:0 to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

Open Space Bond B. Lang reported that as of June 30, 2014, \$1,127,815.50 remains from the \$2,000,000 Open Space Bond issued in 2013. This information was provided by Finance Director Brian Silvia.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Open Space Ranking Systems Mr. Lang reported that the previous Open Space Commission had developed a ranking system for use in evaluating potential open space acquisitions. B. Lang distributed copies of the ranking system and discussion ensued. It was agreed that the existing ranking

system appears to be well thought out and that the current Open Space Commission should utilize it moving forward.

Comprehensive Plan Update M. Travis and B. Lang stated that they would be attending the August 12 public meeting on the Open Space component of the plan. M. Belanger would not be available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

B. Lang read a letter to the OSC from Joe Pailthorpe requesting OSC support of a Naming Ordinance for the Blackhall property. Motion by M. Travis to support the Ordinance. Vote 3:0 to approve. B. Lang to send a letter of support to the Town Council via the Town Clerk.

B. Lang relayed a phone conversation with Town Planner Kelly Morris in which Ms. Morris stated that the owners of Lot 14 shown on Map 62 had approached her to gauge the Town's interest in acquiring the 9 acres property for Open Space. The parcel abuts existing Town –owned land and other open space. OSC felt this may be a good test to apply the ranking system and, if requested by the Owner, would welcome a guided site walk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by M. Belanger, seconded by M. Travis to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM. Vote 3:0.

Briscoe B. Lang, Chairman