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Town of Grantham Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2016

Thain Allan called the Open Space Committee meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in the Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH 03753.

Members Present:

Thain Allan, Chair
Allen Wilson, Vice Chair
Craig McArt, Secretary
Conrad Frey, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair
Susan Buchanan, Grantham Conservation Commission

Member Absent: Charlie McCarthy, Planning Board Vice Chair

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 2 meeting was made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Frey.

Unanimously Approved

Old Business

None

New Business

First on the agenda for the meeting was editing a draft of the Open Space Protection Plan that was assembled by Mr. Allan from individual members' contributions, and subsequently modified by Mr. McArt. The group agreed that mention of the Grantham Open Space Parcel Inventory binder should be included along with specifics on how it can be accessed by the public. Minor changes and word-smithing produced a final result of the plan that will be provided to the Master Plan Committee.

Mr. McArt reported that he had been in touch with Amber Boland of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Organization regarding the digitized version of the parcel inventory map she had agreed to prepare for the Master Plan. He was aware that she had been busy with a project for Eastman and had postponed work on the map. Ms. Buchanan said she would send Ms. Boland the file of the hand-drawn map that was to be digitized for the purpose of providing more readable lot identification numbers and discernable color designations.

Mr. Allan reminded members of the "Taking Action for Wildlife" workshops sponsored by New Hampshire Fish & Game and UNH Cooperative Extension on March 8 in Keene and April 13 in Lebanon. Mr. McArt recommended attending this year's regional conservation commission gathering, hosted by the Upper Valley Land Trust, at the Center for Cartoon Studies on March 29 in White River Junction, the theme of which is "Landowner & Community Outreach".

Mr. Allan said he had postponed the committee's meeting with Deb Stanley at Ausbon Sargent Land Trust to March 23 at 9:00 am.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Frey and seconded by Ms. Buchanan to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Unanimously Approved

The next Open Space Committee meeting will take place on April 7, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig McArt,
Secretary