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Town of Grantham Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes June 1, 2016

Thain Allan called the Open Space Committee meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. in the Town Hall located at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH 03753.

Members Present:

Thain Allan, Chair
Craig McArt, Secretary
Charlie McCarthy, Planning Board Vice Chair
Susan Buchanan, Grantham Conservation Commission

Members not attending:

Allen Wilson, Vice Chair
Conrad Frey, Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 31 meeting was made by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Ms. Buchanan.

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New Business

Chairman Allan informed the Committee that the Open Space Protection Plan as well as the Parcel Map would be included in the appendix of the Grantham Master Plan while certain aspects of the Protection Plan are being integrated into the main narrative. Mr. McArt said that the completed map should be reviewed, and Ms. Buchanan suggested that Mr. Allan ask Michael McCrory to send it to the whole committee. She noted that the trail and boundary lines were hard to see and could use strengthening.

Also with regard to the Master Plan, the Committee agreed that it was important to reference the fact that the Open Space Inventory was partly based on Fish & Game's 2010 Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat Map and not the considerably different 2015 version, which was issued subsequent to completion of the Inventory. Mr. McArt said he had requested Melissa White to order this new 2015 Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition, Grantham Scoring Map, but had received no confirmation that she had done so. The Master Plan should note that this map has been made available at Town Hall.

Ms. Buchanan noted that the Committee had previously discussed making a map showing the general areas in the town that were judged to be of priority for open space protection. Mr. Allan felt that rather than attempting to create such a map for the Master Plan at this point, it would be better to undertake it as a future project.

Old Business

Mr. Allan brought up the subject, introduced at the previous meeting, of a dragon fly event led by Andy Deegan and his wife. He had received permission from Jerzy Mitura, owner of the former Cote

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& Roney lumber property on Stocker Pond to hold the event there. All agreed that the Conservation Commission should be invited to co-sponsor the event. The following list of tasks was generated:

- Mr. Allan confirm the possible event date of August 6 with the Deegans and the Mituras
- Ms. Buchanan check with Grantham Recreation Committee's Activities Director Jamielynn Garland regarding a flyer and town newsletter announcement
- Ms. Buchanan contact the Conservation Commission and Selectman Sheridan Brown
- Mr. Allan arrange with Andy Deegan for Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to publicize the event and put their dragonfly video on their website
- Mr. Allan contact the Stocker Pond Association
- Mr. McArt contact Eastman Highlights
- Mr. McArt create signage
- Mr. Allan develop open space message for the event

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Buchanan and seconded by Mr. McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Unanimously Approved

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig McArt,
Secretary