

Members present: Patrick Marshall, Jesse Medford, Mike Schroeder, Brian Reynolds, Liz Nash,
Prospective member Deanna Elliot

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Action Item: February 6th minutes were passed out for review. Corrections were made. Mike motioned to accept the minutes as amended, Liz seconded, vote was unanimous to approve. Patrick introduced prospective new member Deanna Elliot, to become a new member in April.

Discussion:

1. Mike and Liz met with Joan Pierce from Fisheries and Wildlife. Joan said the idea of having Island Terrace as a conservation property would be fantastic, but she could not make any promises about what the state would say. She said that if Mike and Liz wanted anything to happen, that they would have to create quite a groundswell. She was highly supportive of what Mike and Liz were trying to do and said it was worth trying, even if it doesn't succeed, because maybe it will wake the town up. Mike also talked with DEP and they agreed the best use would be protected land or nature center. DEP thought residential was not the best use. Mike talked with Bill Napolitano of SRPEDD and he said the developer has all the cards. He encouraged Mike to proceed with this to create a little bit of a protest about it to at least get the developers to meet some standards, such as no pets, organic landscaping, native plants of some sort, etc. Also this gets others on the pond to understand that if they have similar ideas, they would know that a group will give them pushback. Joan said development shouldn't happen because they have no frontage. Decas Cranberry had a lawyer at the ZBA meeting trying to discourage development. Mike stated that the next step would be to see if New Bedford or the Taunton would be willing to chip in and make the purchase for the property.
 - a. Patrick asks what is the thought of the committee. Mike recommends a letter to the paper and start the discussion with Facebook posts. Patrick suggests sending a letter to other committees first. Liz agrees with Patrick. He said we should express our opinions to the Planning Board and Selectmen. Mike agrees we should write to the boards, to let them know of better uses and let them know money needs to be raised. Brian recommends we attend other meetings. Mike wants to pursue a coalition with some feeler conversations. Patrick discourages that, until after we hear back from other committees. Deanna recommends including other stakeholders POCs in the letter to show research has been done. Liz recommends getting a factual letter started. Brian suggests getting a quick list of agencies possibly interested for Patrick to start a letter this weekend. Patrick says email the list to him by Friday night with concerns in the area, like no frontage and an eagle's nest there. Brian motions Patrick write boards and committees. Mike seconded, unanimous in favor.
2. Open Space Liaisons to other committees updates.
 - a. Mike said the APC hasn't met.
 - b. Lakeville 2030 – Open Space Workshop snow day is set for March 16th. Patrick encourages attending.

3. Open Space Goals and Objectives – Land list update. Nothing to report.
4. Announcements and Correspondence. Patrick just received the email for town report email and it was due today, so Patrick wrote our charge.
5. Agenda items for next meeting. Island Terrace and Vigers.

The next meeting is April 3rd at the Library.

Jesse motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn at 8:00.