

Members present: Patrick Marshall, Jesse Medford, Mike Schroeder, Liz Nash

Guest: John Powderly

LakeCAM recording

Action Item: March 6<sup>th</sup> minutes were passed out for review. Some dispute was made about what was said in one paragraph and it was agreed to table these minutes to be revised and voted on next month. Patrick wanted to skip the next action item of voting on our next step for Island Terrace.

Discussion:

1. Patrick wrote a letter on behalf of Open Space to the Selectman about Island Terrace. John Powderly was unable to drum up much interest from the Selectman to write a response letter, so he decided to come to the Open Space meeting as a private citizen to respond to the letter. Patrick explained to John Powderly what we are doing and what we are trying to preserve. John Powderly encourages the committee to look at all the recordings of the lengthy meetings in reference to Island Terrace, because our concerns were addressed there. He stated that he isn't here to pick sides, but just to give updates. Although he said that it is similar to Lakeville Hospital in that it would be difficult to reuse. He stated that he would rather Island Terrace be vacant and demolished rather than built upon. He would like Taunton or New Bedford purchase the property. John Powderly showed an architectural drawing of the proposed property and stated that it has a smaller footprint than the current building. It is going from four buildings to two buildings. He recommends talking to the builder, Carol Tolles, Taunton and New Bedford to get information to possibly purchase it. He stated that the town is trying to use the Betty's Neck property as soccer and lacrosse fields. He said the more people that use the Open Space, the more support we would get for Open Space. Mike stated she would not like to sports there, but more nature activities instead. Liz explained to John Powderly the different types of nature and educational activities that would be beneficial to the area over sporting activities. Liz stated that we need to make more awareness of the area. She stated that Joan Pierce of Fisheries and Wildlife gave money for signage to Lakeville and she is upset that Lakeville hasn't followed through. Mike said she would like to talk to the parties recommended by John Powderly, and she would like to do this as a committee and not as private citizens. She also asked who should she contact at DCR and John Powderly said Shawn Provencher. Liz asked if we could contact First Colony to modify their design. John Powderly said he has talked to Nate Darling and it would cost too much to preserve the buildings and he doesn't want another building like the hospital. Liz doesn't believe that this space will become Open Space. She would prefer if it can't, maybe we could work on getting something less impactful to the environment like a rehab facility. Patrick said it comes down to that it is private property and we would have to be willing to pay. Mike would like to see it become a nature center. Patrick motions that Mike and Liz call Taunton and New Bedford. Jesse seconded. Vote in favor is unanimous.
2. Patrick said the Old Field Estates plans were emailed to us. It is suggested by the builder to be 40B. 12 small lots off Rte. 79. John Powderly says this hospital property is a mixed use development. He expects the area to be houses, because the box store businesses are

contracting. Patrick showed plans for a marijuana dispensary on Millennial and a funeral home at the hospital site.

3. a. APC Meeting talked about Island Terrace. Checking to see if the field can be used for lacrosse. Fish and Wildlife was against that.  
b. Patrick discussed the Lakeville 2030 Master Plan had great attendance for the Open Space Workshop. The next workshop on utilities is June 1<sup>st</sup> in the library.
4. Patrick will not be renewing after July 1<sup>st</sup>. He asks if someone is interested in Chair for next month discussion. John Powderly would like a ranked list of Open Space properties to protect. He stated that he is a proponent of cluster zoning to preserve land.
5. Next month agenda items. Meeting minutes for March 6 and April 3, Chairman election, Island Terrace, Open Space Plan, Register for a booth at the Arts Festival.

The next meeting is May 1st at the Library.

Mike motioned to adjourn, Liz seconded. Vote was unanimous to adjourn at 8:19.