

Members present: Brian Reynolds, Joan Morton, Patrick Marshall, Don Foster, Linda Grubb, Mike Schroeder

Members absent: Dan Hopkins by prior notice

Guest: Robert Boyle

Noted that Annual Report due February 28. Joan will prepare. Also noted that conflict of Interest form needs to be filled out by February 2.

Minutes for December 15 were read. Don moved to approve; Joan seconded. Minutes approved.

Mike reported that the night sky event was canceled due to overcast sky and rescheduled for either 2/13, 14. or 15. We will try for some Cable coverage.

Robert Boyle was introduced. He is interested in joining the committee.

Linda reported that Dan Hopkins will be attending every other meeting due to conflicts.

Our task of prioritizing land for value as open space was discussed. We will need new list from assessors. We also need to explore all parts of the town. Mike and Patrick are interest in participating in this process. We hope to get the assessors data base on digital card. Don did this for past committee.

We reviewed our priorities list. All deed restrictions are to be sent to us from now on and we will keep track of those of significance to resource protection, Noted that the town currently only has a few Agricultural Preservation Restrictions and Conservation Restrictions

Planned programs: We will hear more from Patrick about canoe trip down the Nemasket. Mike will give Kelly Whitmore a call to follow up on TTOR doing program about Hilltop Farm.

We did not discuss conservation funds at our joint meeting with Selectmen so we need to continue this investigation. Mike will ask Nancy about compensation funds paid by NE Rental for loss of vernal pool.

Linda circulated Open Space by-law with notes from her and the Planning Board.

We discussed Town Forest Committee which is currently defunct. We would like to know who is currently managing the town forest and do we need to restart committee. Mike will send memo to Selectmen about this and cc the Assawompset Pond Complex management team.

We suggested Robert Boyle check out the Open Space Plan for areas he would like to be involved.

Don moved to adjourn; Patrick seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.