

HAMILTON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING

March 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Arvanites, Richard Boroff, Chris Davis, William Kerr, Merle Olmstead, Belinda Recio, George Tarr, Sean Timmons

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Domelowicz, Town Manager; Jim Hankin, Conservation Commission Coordinator

1. The meeting was opened at 9:00 am. Richard Boroff was selected as chair. Richard thanks the committee and introductory remarks were made.
2. A short explanation of the structure and style of the committee followed, including that it is a working committee.
3. Short discussion of Chebacco Woods. Most members live near it and are affected by the problem of open space usage the town is having with the owners. Bill Kerr gave a description of the problem.
4. Joe Domelowicz, Town Manager, was introduced and thanked the members for volunteering. He then discussed the need for an OSRP, made comments about the MAPC and said his help would be to see the committee got what it needs to work. The town is working on the Chebacco Woods problem. Adverse possession needs to be shown by the town on the trail which is on the property.
5. Jim Hankin was introduced. He said the original extension date of the plan has passed, so the town no longer has a effective plan . However the old plan does exist and needs to be updated.

6. Joe commented that the plan should be flexible and and can easily be amended and utilized. It must be accepted by the state so funds can be requested from and obtained from the state.
  
7. Jim Hankin thinks the current status of the plan is good, but needs to be filled out and submitted to the state.
  
8. Administrative, Richard Boroff to function administratively and as chair. Meetings to be audio copied and will available. Minutes will be kept. Chris has been on OSC and CPC in the past and was first chair of CPC. Guests must ask chair for permission to talk, and this is a working meeting. Minutes will summarize the meeting.
  
9. Ralph Wilmer and MAPC discussed and will be giving assistance.
  
10. An overview of the previous plan was presented. Eight sections need to be updated and Jim Hankin's comments introduced into the plan. The members were asked to take a section of the plan to work on initially. George said the material is mostly there in and for the plan but it needs to be organized.
  
11. Sean Timmons came late and gave an introduction to the recreation portion of the plan. He has a 10 year Rec master plan, He has Wenham's OSP and will use the rec portion as the template for Hamilton's.
  
12. Open Meeting Law will be a challenge for the committee if the members communicate among themselves and "deliberate" outside of the meeting. The members will be asked not to discuss email content from the chair among themselves.
  
13. The committee decided to meet weekly at 9 am on Thursday for one hour.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:10 am

