

Weare Open Space Committee

Minutes

1-22-08

FINAL

Members attending: George Malette, Ian McSweeney, Pat Myers, Steve Najjar (Chair)
Guests: none.

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. There being no amendments offered, George made motion to accept as written. Pat seconded the motion and all voted to approve.

Steve updated the group on the Hawkes/Wilson project. He said a meeting was set for 1-23-07 to sign the option on the Hawkes piece. Steve said he expected to meet soon with Rod Wilson as well. After the options are signed the OSC will be able to go public with the project and begin a campaign to inform Weare voters of the merits of the warrant article for funding.

We discussed preparations for the upcoming deliberative session on February 2, 2008. Ian had brought several maps of Weare for possible displays at the session. Steve pointed out that parcel boundaries were not up to date. Ian offered to contact Andrea to find out if Cartographics might have completed digitizing the latest town tax maps. If so, these would be far better to use for voter information than any currently printed maps which are based on 2001 data. Ian said we could have Southern NH Planning Commission prepare some nice maps for the meeting. George mentioned that the amount we might have to pay depends on whether the town's dues to the Commission have been used up yet. We talked about several possible maps including: for article 24 a map showing the Hawkes/Wilson parcels and the other nearby protected properties, a map of the Ferrin Pond area parcels in articles 34 and 35, and a map for article 32 of the Perkins Pond area.

There was a short discussion of a possible handout for the deliberative session. Information to be presented might include facts on the Conservation Fund, an explanation of the 5 conservation warrant articles, and descriptions of the parcels proposed for conservation. There was concern that voters need to know the parcels are not likely building lots. Pat offered to pull together information on the Conservation Fund.

The group concluded that other business would need to be back-burner until after the deliberative session.

Pat made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by George. All voted in favor at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Myers

Filling in for J. Ciampi WOSC Secretary