

Town of West Newbury Open Space Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Members present: Patricia Reeser (chair), Jean Lambert, Steve Greason, Brad Buschur, Jennifer Germain, and Dawne Fusco, scribe.

1. **Minutes** - A vote was taken to approve the minutes of our July, February, and December meetings. Jean made the motion. Steve seconded. Motion passed.
2. **Library Exhibit** - The new display explains Chapter 61, including a map with Town 61 properties and information on how the Town is now losing the Chapter 61 lands at a much faster rate. Steve will make a couple changes to improve the formatting of the poster. Also, because of the size, Steve will talk with the librarian about the appropriate place for the poster. Steve got booklets on Chapter 61 from Mass DCR that will be available in the Town Assessor's office. We signed off to approve that Steve be reimbursed for \$132.39 for materials used to create this display for the library.
3. **Turkey Hill Road Chapter 61 Notice** - Three lots have been delineated from a larger parcel and one of these lots has a buyer. The owner would now like to release the one lot from Chapter 61. There was a discussion about whether the group felt that this triggered a change of use for all three lots and it was agreed this would be the case. Patricia will ask about all three lots now coming out of Chapter 61. Steve spoke about the proximity of these lots to the reservoir and their being in Zone A. We felt that the Building Inspector should be made aware of limitations put on these lots. Patricia moved that our board release its right of 1st refusal on lot 1 and notify Selectmen of our decision. Jean seconded. This motion passed.
4. **Daley Property**- We discussed the latest developments with the land behind the American Legion building. The proposal is for 36 units built as duplexes. It is to be cluster zoning. We discussed best use practices for this parcel.
5. **Sale of Land on Bridge Street** - Brad brought to our attention that the land that was being farmed on Bridge Street is now for sale. At this time, there are other farmers interested. We will look into this to see if it can be any use to the town.
6. **Open Space Plan** - Brad needs to create the survey which we hope to pass out at Town Meeting in late April. He will draft this for us to review at our next meeting on April 20th. We also went over hours needed for maps with Merrimack Valley Planning.

A vote was taken to adjourn at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Fusco