



TOWN OF TOPSFIELD

TOPSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Open Space Committee

Minutes for December 18, 2017

Committee meeting for Monday, December 18 @ 7:30 pm

Temporary Town Hall – 461 Boston St., Unit E6 (in rear)

- 1) New Business – The committee members voted unanimously to recommend Martha Sanders to the Selectmen for their consideration adding her as a board member.
- 2) Approved minutes from last meeting from committee meeting on Dec. 4, 2017.
- 3) Review insertions of Open Space Survey forum, results and discussion into draft 2018 Open Space Plan. **This work to be continued by all.**
- 4) Started discussion on strategic plan going forward for 2018 Open Space Plan
- 5) Action items:
 - a) Joe – send the Board of Health plan section to the Board of Health for their comment.
 - b) Joe – Jim MacDougall reminder for plan updates
 - c) Joe- Green Community report from Chip Gaudrault
 - d) Joe- check survey question 4 for comparison to previous years
 - e) Joe- send minutes, agendas, Open Space Plan results and comments to Donna Rich for the web.
 - f) John Beck - maps to be reviewed: 1, 3, 4, 5 (add Donibristle property), and 7
 - g) David Merrill – review 8 properties to add to protected land including Meredith Farm, Donibristle and Buttercup Cottage (donation to Topsfield by Tim Collins – Conservation Restriction by Conservation Committee - ½ acre at Rt. 1 and Ipswich Rd.
 - h) David Merrill – send Ipswich River section of the plan to Wayne C. at Ipswich River Watershed for comment.
 - i) Martha Sanders – obtain ECTA map of public Topsfield trails for inclusion in to the Appendix.
 - j) Gandt - Ipswich Rd. 9 acre Topsfield easement information
 - k) Conservation commission – get comments on interest in Topsfield becoming a Tree City USA designee.
- 6) Next meeting on Jan. 22nd, 2018
- 7) Adjourn

Members present: Joe Geller (Chair and Secretary), Reggie Lockwood, David Merrill

Visitors: Martha Sanders, Donna Rich, Kim Sherwood, Mark Liptak, and Richard Gandt