

Open Space Comm Meeting Minutes January 8th 2024

In Attendance: Amy Tetrault, Marie Auger, Sue Millman, Heather Billings, Jodi Snyder, Isaiah Grigos

Meeting opened at 7 pm

S. Millman motioned to approve meeting minutes from December 5th, 2023 meeting.

M. Auger Seconded, all in favor, vote passed (6-0-0)

S. Millman opened discussion regarding drafting a letter of intent & expression of interest for Mass Trails Grant funding & Trail Vision Plans to submit to the Select Board and MRPC before the February deadline. If awarded, a \$1000 match is required from participating municipalities.

I. Grigos made a motion to approve the spending of \$1000 from the Open Space Committee Budget and submit a letter of intent to the Select Board.

J. Snyder seconded the motion, all in favor, vote passed (6-0-0)

S. Millman discussed the Therriault property/LAND Grant property with other board members.

The size of the parcel being 80 acres, the requirement of a bridge being constructed, and the potential for future trail plans on the property.

M. Auger discussed the potential to tie future & existing trails into the Midstate Trail nearby.

S. Millman opened the discussion about potential projects for the Small Projects & Initiatives Funding to submit to the Select Board.

H. Billings advised that a project proposal with estimated funding is required to submit an application.

I. Grigos suggested signage and information kiosks for existing trails & upcoming trails.

M. Auger proposed a trailblazing/trail making project after acquisition of the Therriault property & agreed with I. Grigos on signage and kiosks. Also mentioned the potential for historical site markers for sites along trails.

A. Tetrault proposed using funding for the upcoming trails day projects.

M. Auger began discussing convincing property owners to enter a conservation easement on parcels that abut the Midstate Trail. Explains that Don Foster & the Crowley family are disinterested in coming to an agreement.

A. Tetrault made a motion to adjourn the meeting. I. Grigos seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Next Meeting: February 6th, 2024