

Minutes of the Open Space Committee, January 5, 2010

meeting ran: 4:00 to 5:15

members present: Hank Janowsky, Ghee Patrick, Dave Hale, and Dennis Minsky (recording)

absent: Steve Milkewicz

also present: David Mayo

-the minutes of 12/17/09 were approved 3-0-1

-David Mayo's application to the CPC

Mr. Mayo appeared to discuss his application to the CPC for his property at 294 Bradford Street. He displayed an appraisal done by Linda Kinean, as part of his application. He said that the property as is could accommodate a one or two-family house. He also said that circumstances were such that he would have to sell the property. When asked about the breakdown of his requested funding, he indicated that he hoped to be awarded (in approximate amounts) \$100,000 from the CPC, \$125,000 from the Land Bank, and the remainder, \$195,000, in a state LAND grant; the grant application would be undertaken by the OSC. He was reminded that, as reported at our last meeting, available Land Bank funds would not much exceed \$200,000 and was encouraged to solicit additional community support.

-the Hawthorne application to the CPC

Minsky indicated that, a conversation on this date with Mary Jo Avellar, the representative for the Caro Hawthorne property, revealed an error in the CPC application: the locus map, and all other maps in the application, include lots 13-1-25-J and 13-1-25-K, along with 13-1-25, and they should not. There were questions about the total acreage of 13-1-25 by itself. There was a question about when the appraisal would be done. Another question involved the possibility of involving affordable housing in the overall purchase of the land, along with open space; Minsky said he would investigate this angle. The breakdown of the budget of requested funding is as follows: \$150,000 from the CPC,

\$213, 000 from the Land Bank, and \$393,000 in a state LAND grant. It was agreed that more community support should be solicited, as this land has significant value because it is adjacent to Nicky's Park and state land as well.

-Master list of priority properties for conservation

Hale produced an edited list of the assessor's spreadsheet, the result of Hale and Minsky's earlier perusal of town maps and all the listed properties in town. It was agreed that the committee would begin to focus on these properties, and further investigate the conservation restriction option, which Minsky assured Land Bank funds could support, along with purchases.

-Open Space Committee statement for the 2010 Annual Town Report

The committee worked on the language to be included in this statement

the next meeting was set for 1/25/10 at 4 PM

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