

Holliston Open Space Committee Minutes

January 24, 2024

7pm

Room 200, Holliston Town Hall

Members Attending: Lixy Carey, Ann Marie Pilch, Shaw Lively, Andrew Johnson

Members Absent: Carrie Marsh Loscocco, Aaron Schacter

Lixy Carey, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of September 12, 2023; Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2023; Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pilch made a motion to release the executive session minutes of September 12, 2023; Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Member Recruitment:

Ms. Carey reached out to former member Joe Paru. He is considering rejoining the Committee.

Target Acquisition List:

Ms. Carey updated the list previously compiled and passed out copies. Eight outreach letters were sent to property owners in 2023 and two have responded with some interest in working with us in the future for a sale or donation. The Committee discussed sending follow up letters with different messaging, possibly including the summary of the Committee's work over the years that Ms. Pilch wrote for the Town's 300th Anniversary book.

The Committee discussed various properties of interest, viewing them on the Massachusetts Interactive Property Map:

- An owner unknown property in the middle of the Town Forest, 0 Adams St., 004.0-0002-0073.0, 5.56 acres.
- Engel property off Adams St., also land-locked. This was not sent the original letter. Ms. Carey will do so.
- Ferreira property – Ms. Pilch noted that this is being subdivided and the back portion will be donated as open space.
- Covanta properties along rail trail – should be discussed with Trails Committee
- Properties around Jasper's Rock.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 6.

Mr. Lively made a motion to adjourn at 8:29pm; Mr. Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved on March 6, 2024