

**TOWN OF ACTON
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 3, 2017
7:30 AM
ACTON TOWN HALL – ROOM 9**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Magee, Terry Maitland, Jeff Clymer, Matt Mostoller, Franny Osman, Barbara Epstein

RECORDING SECRETARY: Fran Portante

VISITORS: Dave Marshall, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Bettina Abe, Judy Werner, Joe Will, Stephen Trimble, Jim Willis

MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

1. **64 School Street:** Judy Werner, resident/owner, attended the meeting to give feedback after her discussion with Roland Bartl, Town Planner. There was some contention about total frontage of the lot, which Roland believed was less than 100 feet. On that basis, he had indicated that the rear lot could only be subdivided into one house lot, not two as she has expected. She has subsequently found documents supporting her claim that frontage was 100 feet. Andy commented that he didn't know zoning laws with enough certainty to comment but would follow up with Roland to determine the status of the property. A question was raised as to the reason for the OSC to be involved with this parcel. An informal public trail runs through this property, which abuts Great Hill conservation area.

Andy will follow up with Roland for status and will inform Ms. Werner of outcome.

2. **Executive Session (7:40 AM to 8:00AM)**

Terry moved that the committee go into executive session with Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Dave Marshall and Bettina Abe as guests. Barbara seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Committee returned to General Session at 8:10 AM.

- 3: **Minutes:**

Terry moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2017, Jeff seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Executive Minutes of December 4, 2015, Feb. 12, 2016 and May 6, 2016 need to be approved. Committee agreed to review drafts made available to them and be prepared to vote approval at next meeting.

4. **Brief review of the following:**

- **19 Spring Hill:** no discussion.
- **Piper Lane:** Developer Shaw, who bought a key parcel, 90 School Street, which would enable access to rear of Magooon property for potential development has apparently passed on the opportunity to build on the 90 School Street parcel, having not filed for a building permit for this non-compliant parcel. Franny and Susan will contact developer to get status.
- **Arlington Street:** Franny reported that the selectman had discussed this issue. This property was not purchased under article 97, so the neighbors are interested in giving it permanent protection. They are disposed to keeping the current status as a municipal property since this preserves options to the town for future needs. Only 5 acres of the 25 acre parcel are buildable.

5. Miscellaneous comments:

- A 0.2 acre parcel at 516 Mass. Ave. is being offered to the town for extra parking in West Acton.
- Acton Conservation Trust will be holding their annual meeting in Town Hall Room 204 on March 19, with a talk on “Living with Coyotes”.

Next meeting: April 7, 2017, Room 9 at Acton Town Hall

Jeff moved to adjourn, Franny seconded and meeting ended at 8:25.