

Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2020 – *Note: this meeting was postponed from December due to the holidays*

Meeting held in Senior Center

Attending: Bob Hatch, Stephanie Frend, Mark Kresge, Todd Livdahl, Susan Worth, Rick Jones

Call to order @ 7:15 pm

- Minutes from November 26th meeting approved unanimously.
- Bob announced that he had received Chip Pettirossi's resignation from the committee due to a job change requiring him to move out of Hubbardston. Susan has volunteered to take over his activities.
- **Malone Road Conservation Area Restriction** – Bob has received notice from Mallory of the Conservation Commission that their discussions on the CR will be held at tonight's ConCom meeting.
- **Fieldstone Farm** – Exploration of the opportunity to obtain this property by the separate subcommittee continues with a meeting later this week.
- **Geordie Lane property** – The land management plan drafted by Mark has been reviewed by the committee members and approved with the exception that the walkways and paths could allow for bike and equestrian use if those trails and the surrounding habitat could be protected.
- **Friends of Open Space** – Agreement was reached that a list of potential residents willing to help with Open Space projects would be helpful. Rick will create a template and post it on the Google Drive for names of those who might be interested to be added.
- **Open Space Donations** – Susan presented a letter she had received with her tax bill as a property owner in Leominster soliciting donations to the Leominster Open Space fund, suggesting that this might be a vehicle that could be used in Hubbardston. Susan will follow-up with Ryan to determine if this was possible or allowable and report back.
- **Massachusetts Trails grant application** – This application that Mark is working on will be postponed until 2021 due to his other time commitments.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Submitted by Rick Jones