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Open Space Acquisition Advisory Team
Minutes
April 17, 2014

Meeting Posted: Yes

Place: Ritter Memorial Building, 960 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, MA

Members Present: Paula Bertram (Board of Selectmen), Brandon Kibbe (Open Space Ad Hoc Committee), Jean-Joseph Cote (Conservation Commission), Emerick Bakaysa (Planning Board)

Members Absent: none

Meeting Called to Order: 5:44pm

1. Elizabeth Ainsley Campbell of the Nashua River Watershed Association presented copies of the draft front page of a public information website being developed for the project: www.SaveTheLaneLand.org. The committee reviewed and edited the content of the website so that it could be prepared to "go live" over the weekend.
2. Elizabeth Ainsley Campbell presented a draft "Frequently Asked Questions" that would be available both in printed form and on the website. The committee reviewed and edited the content of the FAQ's.
3. The committee discussed the plans for Saturday's site visit. J-J Cote and Brandon Kibbe will lead attendees on a similar walk to that given to the joint boards back in December, depending upon turnout and attendees. NRWA provided copies of the previously-prepared fliers for distribution to attendees.
4. Brandon Kibbe reported on the creation of the Public Service Announcement made with the assistance of Lunenburg Public Access. The final video was screened for the committee via LPA's YouTube Channel. Brandon Kibbe will share the airing schedule once released by LPA.
5. The committee discussed the feedback they've heard from citizens to date. Public awareness appears to be growing, and public support seems strong. Committee discussed the financial explanation of fiscal impact of development vs. conservation, as that was one area where community members had questions. Committee agreed to focus on a general description of the long-term cost of residential development being a

cost burden on the town, whereas commercial/industrial development is revenue positive.

6. Committee discussed the need for a public forum in advance of Town Meeting. With the development of a PSA, the need for a recorded and broadcast public forum has waned, but it was still desirable to give the community a chance to have their questions answered. The committee discussed the possibility of holding a public forum at the library in advance of town meeting, and tentatively scheduled Thursday May 1, 2014, 5:30 to 7:30pm, pending Brandon Kibbe's ability to secure the community room. The format would be more of a "drop-in" session, but the committee would be prepared to make a more formal presentation should a substantial crowd be present.
7. The next meeting of the Open Space Acquisition Advisory Team was set for 5:30pm, Thursday, April 24, 2014.
8. The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the April 10, 2014 meeting, with a minor edit to item #6: Lunenburg Snowriders agreed to pay for the Lunenburg Ledger ad "up to \$100".

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm