

Bolton Open Space Acquisition and Preservation Committee
Thursday June 13, 2013
Bolton Town Hall
Regular Meeting Minutes

Present at the meeting were Chairman Gwen Marrion, Vice Chairman Mike Bonanno, Dan Roback, Rod Parlee and Edward Steele.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gwen Marrion called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2013

A motion was made by Dan Roback, seconded by Mike Bonanno to approve the April 13, 2013 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Corrections to April 13, 2013 minutes:

-Under section 3 Change Bonnano to Bonanno

-Under section 8 remove the t before discussed, change s[ports to sports, change mountain to Mountain.

-Under section 9 change pass to passed, remove informal from the sentence.

3. Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

4. Pursuing town eligibility for Community Farms Preservation Program

Chairman Gwen Marrion spoke about the Farm land Preservation program protecting farms less than 30 acres in Bolton. The town should take appropriate steps to become eligible. It is a town/state matching program 25% town 75% state. The program also provides the town and the State the ability to buy the development rights. The program is funded with 2 million dollars.

A motion was made by Edward Steele, seconded by Dan Roback that the Open Space Committee should precede to make the town of Bolton eligible under the Community Farms Preservation Program. Chairman Gwen Marrion will seek approval from the Selectman at their August Meeting. Motion passed unanimously

5. Update on Multi-Use Trail

Many business owners do not agree with the bridge. The DOT is coming up with a detailed engineered drawing to see if it is more feasible.

6. Heritage Farm

There was no work party in May due to rain. At the April 13th work party all the trees the town cut down were dragged out; the town then put trees through the chipper.

Larry Pesce donated a tree near stone spring.

Richard Treat and Chairman Gwen Marrion lead 5th graders on a hike on the farm.

7. Agriculture Pamphlet

The pamphlet's just went to the press they will be out and available very soon. The Open Space Committee will coordinate where the pamphlets will be handed out.

8. Election of officers

Not at this time, after July 1st.

9. Other

There is nothing happening on the Upenieks Subdivision at this time.

Rod Parlee discussed the invasive plant called "mile a minute." This invasive plant is growing close to Bolton.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place the second Thursday in September.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Edward Steele seconded by Dan Roback, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corrine O'Brien
Board Clerk