



Branford Select Committee on Open Space Acquisition

MINUTES: APRIL 3, 2017 - CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER

Attending: P. Bassermann, B. Horne, J. Miller, E. Saulys, R. Shanahan, M. Palluzzi, Town Planner Harry Smith, First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove, members of the public Carol and Joe Cutrona, and T. Elton [staff].

Chair B. Horne called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. P. Bassermann moved to accept the February minutes, seconded by H. Smith; motion carried.

I Presentations and projects

No presentations were scheduled.

II Properties review & status

There was no activity to report on the Johnson [#50], RWA, or Linsley/Abbey [#31-34] properties. Hull-Warner, Wenkert, Emilita, and Zuwallick properties will be removed from the review list due to a change in status. S. Saulys will check with the RWA. The McCabe property was discussed in terms of the impending TOD and POCD, noting it's the last underdeveloped parcel in the town center, its proximity to the Harrison House gardens, and that it lies within both the Canoe Brook and town center districts; developers have submitted a modified plan for the proposed project. P. Bassermann moved to assign a number for committee purposes and a B+ ranking. H. Smith seconded; motion carried unanimously.

III Unfinished/new business

B. Horne initiated discussion regarding issues raised at the previous meeting concerning the committee's properties list and notifying owners of their open space potential. J. Cosgrove asked the committee to devise and incorporate into its procedures a communication element with property owners when properties are added to its list. It was agreed that the committee should develop a systematic format a part of the committee's work to identify and rank properties that will address the concerns of the Cutronas, would educate property owners as to the committee's work, and possibly allow it to collect more information about a parcel than is generally available. The issue will be taken up at the committee's next regular meeting; the First Selectman hopes to attend and participate.

IV Announcements and adjourn.

With no further business, J. Miller moved to adjourn, seconded by R. Shanahan; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Elton [recording secretary]