



Branford Select Committee on Open Space Acquisition

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MINUTES [UNAPPROVED]: NOVEMBER 4, 2019 - CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER

Attending: B. Horne, J. Merrick, J. Miller, E. Saulys, R. Shanahan, and H. Smith.

- I Chair B. Horne called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. and welcomed Joe & Carol Cutrona. Moved by R Shanahan, seconded by J. Miller, to add to the agenda as a new Item II Approval of Minutes from the February 4 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
- II J. Miller moved to approve the February 4th minutes, seconded by R. Shanahan. Motion carried [1 abstention]. [No meetings were held between February and November.]
- III 2020 Meeting Schedule - It was unanimously agreed to continue meeting at 7:30 pm on the first Mondays of alternative months beginning in February.
- IV Project Review - No action has taken place regarding the Kinney property adjacent to the Supply Ponds open space. R. Shanahan will follow up with the First Selectman to arrange the start of negotiations between the Town and the owner.
- V Committee Membership - The status of current members was discussed. There is no representative of the Economic Development Commission and the Board of Finance representative is generally absent. S. Saulys, the Conservation and Environmental Commission representative, stated that she intends not to be reappointed when her term expires in mid-2020, and she expects to be away for the February and April meetings.
- VI Election of Committee Chair - B. Horne announced that he is resigning as Committee Chair effective the end of 2019. It was decided to defer the election of a new Chair until all committee members were present.
- VII Unfinished/New Business
J. Miller asked about the status of the revision of committee guidelines and offered to work with B. Horne in completing the draft revision.
R. Shanahan reported having contacted the Old Growth Forest Network, which aims to designate forests to be managed with no further commercial harvesting. He offered his opinion that the Supply Ponds/Pisgah Brook Preserve would be a good candidate for listing.
- VI Announcements / adjourn. - With no further business, H. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by R. Shanahan; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Horne