

Hamilton Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes October 26, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM by Nancy Baker, Chair

Present : Nancy Baker, Anne Gero, Jackie Hodge, Zachary Peters, Gretel Clark, Emer McCourt, Rosemary Kennedy

Approved minutes from 9/28/16.

Discussion : Patton Homestead Parking Lot proposal.

No response from letter sent to BOS regarding Patton Homestead Parking Lot Gretel had sent letters and spoke to Bill Wilson and Shawn Farrell.

Gretel will send another letter to BOS requesting parking lot be on the BOS agenda to discuss feasibility. Gretel will make a presentation to BOS meeting on Nov 7 .

Gretel voiced concern the citizens are not having a say on open space in the Town. Concern raised that public use of open space has been waylaid- No public signage, no open space plan for the remaining Patton Property.

Possible next step – TBD Letter to editor - subcommittee to author editorials.

Discussion : ConComm Issues

OSC engaging with ConComm, and all boards, to encourage a plan for open space.

OSC will encourage signage and plan for Central Ave newly designate open space.

ConComm (and PB) has not responded to OSC letter RE: scenic roads designation.

Wed Nov 2 ConComm meeting – OSC member Zach will further discuss Patton Ridge violations- hidden drainage pipes and waster water draining on Town owned open space.

OSC will propose site walk at Patton Homestead to develop a plan for the open space.

Driveway across wetlands clause deleted from by law at TM. Suggestion that the clause be added to ConComm bylaw, and if refused, will advocate for it to go back into Town bylaw. This is a water quality issue. Anne to contact ConComm about the meeting agenda.

Next Meeting DATE: November 9 Nancy to resend OSC goals- to discuss next meeting.

The PB will address the alternate parking plan at their next meeting.

Prep/ R. Kennedy