

Town of Wayne Open Space Committee
Minutes of June 21, 2017 Meeting
Adopted by Committee Vote on July 31, 2017

Attendance.

Committee Members. Present: Trent Emery, Steve McLaughlin, Ford Stevenson, Lloyd Irland, Chris Cushman, Ken Spalding.

Absent: Margaret Lane, Bruce Mercier

Staff. Aaron Chrostowsky

Others. Cindy Pettengill

Meeting started shortly after 7:00 PM

Trent Emery suggested we first elect officers and suggested Ken to serve as Secretary and Ford to serve as Chair. Someone suggested Lloyd as Vice Chair. Lloyd moved election of the suggested slate. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was: Yes - 6, and No - 0.

Ford gave background on the progress of the Committee, how we got to where we are in the process, about prior meetings and how the Committee reached consensus on a number of issues.

There was discussion of what the nature of public involvement should be in the Committee process. The Select Board directive states that the Committee Organization includes that the "Committee shall hold meetings that are open to the public and issue notices of meetings, including items of discussion." The Committee Directive also states that the Committee will "...seek public input to review, research, develop conceptual plans, and estimated cost estimate for various options..." There was discussion of holding a public meeting specifically for input and feedback. No conclusion was reached.

A sub-committee of Trent, Ford and Ken, and Aaron as staff, presented the Town's proposal to the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) and had a follow-up meeting with KLT. The following written documents provide a record of the sub-committee's progress and are attached and incorporated by reference into this meeting's minutes:

- The Town's proposal to KLT presented at a meeting with KLT on April 5, 2017
- The sub-committee report of the April 5, 2017 meeting
- The KLT response document accepting the Town proposal along with qualifications
- Notes from a May 30, 2017 meeting with KLT representatives to get clarification of the KLT response document
- KLT's Letter of Intent, dated June 20, 2017.

Cindy Pettengill had extensive questions that Ford and other Committee members tried to address.

KLT Letter of Intent

Aaron had received a Letter of Intent (LOI) from KLT and distributed it to the Committee. The Committee reviewed and discussed the LOI. There were no motions or other resolutions to questions or issues brought up, but the following were discussed.

- Part One. Section 3. C. of the LOI states that a fundraising plan be developed by members of the Wayne Open Space Committee and KLT Staff. There was considerable discussion about this term of the LOI, with some arguing that the Town should have no association with the fundraising and others arguing that being involved in the planning phase would help protect the Town's interest in how the fundraising is conducted. There was no motion or other resolution to this question.
- Part One. Section 4.
 - Lines (b) and (c). It was suggested that it should be made clear that the satisfactory completion of a boundary survey and a hazardous waste assessment would be completed by KLT
 - Line (e). It was suggested that there is a need for additional definition of "Property to be managed as Forever Wild Open Space."
 - Line (g). It was suggested that for our due diligence we should review KLT's Public Use guidelines. [These can be found at <https://www.tklt.org/guidelines-and-policies/>]
- Part Two. Section 1. COSTS. This states that the Town would be responsible for all of its own costs associated with the land transfer. It was suggested that we ask the Town attorney what the costs may be, including any costs associated with a purchase and sale agreement.

The Committee also had questions about the process of a land transfer to KLT, including the question of whether or not the Town would sign a LOI as part of the process.

At 8:56 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd, seconded by Steve. Passed unanimously.