

Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee

DRAFT Minutes of March 20, 2012 Special Meeting

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Quentin Kessel, Ken Feathers, Michael Soares

Also attending: Linda Painter Town Planner, Roberta Coughlin, and Michael Healey

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:32.
2. Morrow was appointed acting secretary.
3. Minutes of the Feb 28 2012 meeting were approved.
4. Opportunity for Public Comment

No comments.

5. New Business

- Town Council Referral- Healey Request for License on Town-owned land
Michael Healey explained his plans for his property near the Common Fields.
It was moved and seconded

The proposed license will have no direct benefit to the Common Fields. Granting the license would help preserve the historic barn adjacent to the open space. This barn is a significant feature within the view shed of the open space. The town purchased the Common Fields in part to help preserve the character of the Mansfield Center historic area. Because preservation of the historic barn is consistent with this objective the committee endorses the granting of the requested license.

Passed unanimously with Kessel abstaining

- PZC Referral- Proposed Revisions to PVRA/PVCA Zoning Regulations
Town Planner Linda Painter explained the proposed changes to the zoning regulations. The committee will continue this discussion at its April Meeting.
- Grant Opportunities
No discussion

6. Executive Session in accordance with CGS section 1-200(6)(D)
The committee voted to enter executive session at 8:42 which lasted until 9:10

7. Possible action on properties under consideration and possible site selection.—
 - The committee decided to hold a field trip Sat. March 31 at 2:00 pm

8. Announcements

- Open Space Action Plan to go to Town Council Monday, April 9, 2012
 - Morrow & Wetherill will be planning the presentation
- Climate Impact Forum: Actions for a Cool Communities Tuesday, 3/27 6:30-9:00 pm at the Bishop's Center

9. Meeting adjourned at 9:17