

Open Space Preservation Committee
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
DRAFT Minutes
Mansfield Town Hall, Council Chamber
7:00p.m.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Attendance

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

3. Review of Minutes

Minutes of the April 2016 meeting were approved (Kessel, Feathers).

4. New Business

No items were discussed as New Business.

5. Old Business

Permanently Protect Open Space Next Steps – Members who did not attend the April meeting were updated on the conversation OSPC and other committee member had with Amy Paterson (Ex, Dir., CLCC) and town attorney Kevin Deneen. The options available were discussed and considered for their usefulness toward protecting town-owned land. For determining the committee's next steps, members agreed that the newly-adopted *Plan of Conservation & Development* offers guidance in many sections, specifically Goal 3.1 Strategy B to “[p]ermanently protect important natural resources in Mansfield from development.” Resources in this case include forests and farmlands, historical sites, water supply and watercrouses, scenic areas, and opportunities for recreation. Future meetings will dedicate time to evaluating town-owned land and outlining a process, to be recommended to Town Council, through which parks and open space acquisitions will be protected.

6. Opportunity for public comment

No members of the public were present.

7. Executive Session

The committee voted to go into Executive Session at 7:14 and to come out of Executive Session at 8:19.

8. Communications

Minutes

- Conservation Commission
- PZC
- IWA

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.