

Conservation Commission
MINUTES

OPEN SPACE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2008

Members Present

Ellen Lukens
Kate Miller
Michael Ennis
Eric Mosher
Katchen Coley

Members Absent

David O'Brien
Jim Fortuna
Nancy Kiniry
Steven Ladd

Others Present

Matt Dodge, Planning Environmental
Specialist

6:00 PM, Room 208 of the Municipal Building.

Motion to move meeting to EXECUTIVE SESSION was moved by Katchen Coley and seconded by Michael Ennis.

Ellen Lukens would like to start reviewing the criteria.

A discussion ensued regarding the bond referendum wording and parcels that may or may not appear on the POCD Open Space Map.

The sub-committee reviewed all criteria to ensure that members are in agreement.

A discussion ensued regarding Criteria #3 (Contiguous with open space).

Katchen Coley - would like to keep it consistent with what was used in the past.

Eric Mosher – recommended that all sites will be evaluated for each criterion at a time.

It was decided that there will be a discussion on each parcel to share information and points of interest before scoring takes place.

A discussion ensued regarding how much the Brock parcel on Arbutus Street has within the POCD. It was decided to score it.

Ellen Lukens – shared information with present members that she acquired from Bill Warner such as if water & sewer are available, the type of zone and other information gathered from site walks this year and /or prior years.

The Merriam property was discussed and due to lack of front parcel's inclusion on the POCD and issues with access to the rear parcel, it has been taken off the table.

A discussion ensued regarding the POCD and where amendments and if amendments could happen before the new POCD is adopted.

Ranking of parcels commenced. Each member ranked all parcels before them on their own. Then rankings were pooled and compared. Parcels are: Brock (Rte 17), Brock (Arbutus), Hubbard, Milici and Vicchitto.

BROCK (17) / BROCK (ARBUTUS) / HUBBARD / VICCHITTO / MILICI
167 / 137 / 139 / 128 / 117

A discussion ensued regarding how many of these five (5) properties will be chosen to move forward with.

A discussion ensued regarding possible funding for each of the five (5) parcels and what may or may not be feasible.

Michael Ennis – re-emphasized DEP deadline.

Ellen Lukens – reiterated Bill Warner’s deadline of April 15th to make decision on parcels.

Michael Ennis motioned that the subcommittee recommend to the full Conservation Commission the acquisition of development rights or fee simple purchase of the Brock (Rte 17) and Hubbard properties. Eric Mosher seconds.

Michael Ennis motioned to come out of Executive Session. Eric Mosher seconds.

Kate Miller motioned to evaluate Merriam property again. Contact the Assessor’s and ask not to put on foreclosure list at this time. Concerned that property could not be evaluated as the city would be constrained to only offering the taxes owed. Katchen Coley seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm was moved by Katchen Coley and seconded by Eric Mosher. Unanimously approved.