

Casco Open Space Commission
June 2016 Minutes - Approved

PRESENT: Eric Dibner, Frank Kantor, Keith Morehouse, Thomas Peaslee, Barbara York; Public - Nadia Hermos, Dana Watkins

Add to agenda – Communications, everyone on the Commission needs to have an opportunity to see materials before they are sent to David/BOS. There was discussion of a new meeting room and some sort of hearing-aid system to enable hearing-challenged participants.

Frank Kantor was re-elected to Open Space Commission at this last election.

Jackson Property – Use of \$100,000 Open Space money for purchase is approved with qualifier funds be limited to open space/recreation, no structures of non-open space nature.

Eric resigned as chair of the Commission. Barbara elected to chair. Keith agreed to act as secretary.

Eric said he would be away for July meeting.

Keith and Eric to draft response letter to land owners.

Draft report to town for town report was again distributed.

Eric – Question about status of communications with Barry Allen, Lost Corner Survey, of 71- acre parcel off 302/Ring Landing Road, still to be done by Barry Allen this summer. Cost for both locations included in estimate is \$7500 - \$10,500; Barry has been in the area but no contact with Frank.

COSC needs to consider developing criteria, including critical features, for lands selected to be acquired. Question about whether or not the Jackson property was a good fit. A hierarchy of values needs to be applied, and the areas should be manageable. (Eric said he would get for us a copy of Loon Echo scoring system for their land protection activities.) There will be a cost for Management of Town properties; Eric and Keith to develop how a

property is to be managed and by whom. Acquired property needs to have a management plan in place.

Dana and Nadia discussed Invasive Plants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.