

## Casco Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes – Final

Meeting Date: January 16, 2017

Called to Order at 6:38 P.M.

Present: Open Space – Acting Chairman Eric Dibner, Frank Kantor, Thomas Peaslee and Keith Morehouse; Public Participation – Nadia Herмос

The Agenda was reviewed, no changes were made.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously, with Frank moving approval and Tom making the second.

Old Business: Jackson Property was discussed at length, with Frank (COSC delegate) circulating material he received from the Jackson Committee that would have their first meeting the following evening. The agenda for that meeting included items for review that were among the possibilities for future use. A suggestion was made that the Jackson survey map should be available on line or otherwise posted publicly, and that an inventory of features (structures) should be listed to let the public know what is already there to deal with in planning. Current use (e.g., snowmobile parking) of some of the area was discussed. Hope was voiced that future use would be guided by “low impact.”

Keith stated there has not been further progress on the ~49-acre and ~69-acre parcels management plans, for technical reasons. There were no objections to suggestions to refer to these two parcels as Sebago Parkside and The 69-Acre Forest. Discussion continued at this point on the reported request for access across the 49-acre parcel (Sebago Parkside) by Pt. Sebago Resort to log a portion of their property. There was a recommendation for us to contact the Town Manager to request review of the Pt. Sebago proposal. Another item discussed in conjunction with the Sebago Parkside property is a continuing dialogue with a State Park Road property owner to sell to the Town an adjacent approximate 13-acre property – more details are needed on this.

Letters Status - Some of the letters from COSC to various landowners expressing a willingness to sell their lands to the Town have been mailed through the Town Office. There are a couple remaining to be finished.

The status of the Mayberry Hill properties has not changed.

New Business: The pending official request by Pt. Sebago to cross Town land for timber harvesting purposes was discussed earlier. The group briefly reviewed the 2017 budget request figures, which were identified in the last set of minutes. A draft letter to an Owl Pond

landowner was circulated for comment, as was a letter from an attorney representing an Owl Pond landowner. A list of possible contracts to be reviewed will be emailed to the COSC members, placed on the agenda and discussed at the next meeting, if time allows.

Public Participation: The public participant expressed her view(s) on what she thought should be the priority for the Commission's concentration of effort. Subsequently, some time was spent discussing those views and attempting to reconcile them with our prescribed mission to ensure open space is maintained in all focus areas.

The meeting was adjourned by Eric about 8:05 P.M.

The next COSC meeting is February 20, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Center

Submitted by Keith A. Morehouse