

## Casco Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes – Final

Meeting Date: March 20, 2017

Called to Order about 6:46 P.M.

Present: Open Space – Acting Chairman Eric Dibner, Frank Kantor, Thomas Peaslee and Keith Morehouse

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

The Agenda was reviewed. There were 3 update items that we decided to discuss briefly before addressing the agenda items. No further changes were made.

The update items concerned: space at the Town Office for COSC documents; contact made by a landowner who wished to explore establishing open space on their property; and a landowner letter, a landowner with whom the Commission has been having discussions concerning acquisition of their land by the Town. Town filing space for COSC documents is assured and the landowner interested in open space conservation for their land is being contacted. Details of the third item are being brought to the attention of Town officials.

Planning for focus areas was the major topic for the evening. This topic had been broken down in the agenda as objectives, priorities and task. It is fair to say that these ongoing discussions have been preliminary to what should soon be greater definition of these concepts. The discussion was fairly wide-ranging with regard to the parameters that should be sought in any attempt to acquire information/data that will facilitate open space work. There was mention of possible contracts that could be given to acquire critical open space resource information. It was decided also that the series of Commission open space-related maps (4), produced in late-2010, probably should be updated.

COSC has not received a copy of the most recent list of properties that have been foreclosed on by the Town.

Berry Park (Jackson parcel) was somewhat briefly discussed. Apparently, the Berry Park committee is scheduled to report on their work regarding recommendations at the Select Board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

Public Participation: None

The meeting was adjourned by Eric about 8:08 P.M.

The next COSC meeting is April 17, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Center meeting room.

Submitted by Keith A. Morehouse