

## Casco Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes – Final

Meeting Date: October 16, 2017

Call to Order: ~ 6:40 P.M.

Present: Open Space – Chairwoman Barbara York, Thomas Peaslee, Frank Kantor and Keith Morehouse

Current Agenda and September Minutes: Tom moved approval, Frank seconded – all approved.

July Minutes: The July 17 minutes were brought up for late approval; moved by Barbara and seconded by Frank – all approved.

### Old Business:

Timber Harvest on State Park Road ~50 Acres; The status of the timber harvest on the Town-owned 50-acre State Park Road property was discussed briefly. It was noted that ingress preparation by the harvesting company is underway.

State Park Road 11.5 Acre Sale Offer; The status of the pending offer to sell property on State Park Road to the Town of Casco was discussed briefly, prompted by an earlier contact by the landowner with the Town Manager. Frank and Keith will follow-up on (hopefully) a last meeting and to obtain the remaining details needed to bring the matter before the Select Board.

Land Offer to Town For Open Space Purposes; The Commission will advise the landowner, who would like to place a portion of land in a conservation status with the Town, of its decision in the near future. There appears to be a Commission consensus favoring this offer; the land being considered is in an open space Focus Area. Prior to moving ahead with a conservation agreement the Commission will visit the property, either in on-the-ground or as a virtual inspection by way of Google Earth – maybe both. Eric was tabbed to provide a prototype conservation agreement, inasmuch as the Town would be plowing new ground for this action and there is apparently none in Town files. Keith will coordinate the Google Earth inspection opportunity at the Town office.

### New Business:

Open Space Conservation Ordinance and Casco Open Space Plan; Virtually all of our meeting time was supposed to be dedicated to beginning a review and update, as appropriate, of the Open Space Conservation Ordinance and the Casco Open Space Plan. As the materials had not been made available for all members, after much deliberation, it was decided that the Commission would have to delay this review until the next regular meeting after which all of the materials will have been provided to the members. Again, we will be conducting a minimum of “regular” business at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Barbara about 7:35. The next COSC meeting is November 20, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Center meeting room.

Submitted by Keith A. Morehouse