

Casco Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes – Approved

Meeting Date: February 20, 2017

Called to Order about 6:35 P.M.

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

The Agenda, as re-circulated by Eric with his changes, was reviewed. No further changes were made.

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

Old Business: Jackson Property information was reported by Frank (COSC delegate) and Eric (Alternate). Two or three meetings have been held with various aspects of membership, parcel character, future usage and sub-area dedication being discussed.

Keith stated there has not been further progress on the ~49-acre (Sebago Parkside) and ~69-acre (69-Acre Forest) parcels management plans.

Letters Status - Letters from COSC to various landowners who had expressed a willingness to sell their lands to the Town remain to be completed and mailed, as is one to an Owl Pond landowner regarding intent for future management.

The status of the Mayberry Hill properties, in which COSC could have an interest, has not changed.

The Commission once again reviewed the status of our pending request for budget monies for 2017, which was identified in an earlier set of minutes. There was a question of when the budget committee meets again.

There was brief mention of possible contracts that could be made to more closely define location, ownership, size, etc. of lands within, and straddling boundaries of, the 4 focus areas. A data base such as this would allow COSC to more easily determine the priorities of open space areas, if any, as they may become available.

New Business: The official request to Casco by Pt. Sebago to cross Town land for timber harvesting purposes is, apparently, still pending.

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

Public Participation: None

The meeting was adjourned by Eric about 8:13 P.M.

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

Submitted by Keith A. Morehouse