

Lakeville Open Space Committee

November 6, 2013

7:40 p.m.

Members present: Don Foster, Mike Schroeder, Brian Reynolds, Linda Grubb, Patrick Marshall, associate member Sarah Kulakovich

Members absent: Joan Morton with prior notice, Dan Hopkins

Members of Water Board present: Sylvester Zienkiewick (Zink), Douglas Mills, James Gouveia

Discussed potential expansion of water system: Link said it was hard to raise capital as water currently is plentiful so only delivery and treatment would be paid for. Betterment issues were discussed. Where lines exist there is not strong interest in extending.

In response to question about determining safe yields being set for the aquifer, Link reported that at State level Nat Fennessey determines the levels basing decision mainly on surface water.

Discussed salt usage. Water Board noted the State was the high user of salt on our roads as on 105 and Bedford Street. We think the Town uses less problematic compounds but a lot of sand.

Water Board members plan to meet and discuss with their board how to act on the Open Space Plan Action Items 1a, b, and c.

After Water Board members left, Linda decided to table most of remaining agenda items due to lateness of the hour.

Linda reported that the State has approached the Board of Selectmen to buy and preserve the Town – owned Howland property. To better evaluate the State offering, the Selectmen are publicly seeking other offers.

On November 12, Tuesday, at 7p.m., we will have a joint meeting with the Economic Development Council. All will join the Board of Selectmen at 7:30.

A part of the former Roche estate has been taken out of Chapter 61A, 25 acres off Highland and Robbins Lane. It was discussed that we could recommend that the Board of Selectmen assign the right of refusal. The Committee agreed that the Town is not likely to chose to buy this property due to lack of funds. However to establish a procedure for evaluation land Linda will set up a site visit that we all may attend.

Noted that the Taunton Watershed Alliance as its annual meeting on November 16.

Patric moved to adjourn 10:08 p.m.; Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned