Town of Harvard Open Space Committee Minutes of February 17, 2022

Attendees:

Peter Dorward (Chair) Paul Cohen (Vice-Chair) Rich Maiore Dan Daly Linda Dwight JoAnne Crystoff Jim Lee

Committee unanimously approved minutes of January 7, 2022 meeting.

Meeting with Select Board

Peter provided update from 2/1 meeting with Select Board. He shared OSC goals, accomplishments, maps. SB had no specific comments to the information provided. The SB deferred discussion on expectations for Active Rec land capital plan. The goal is to return to the SB in March to get feedback and agreement on needs and expectations for a capital plan.

Rich & Linda discussed creation of a fund as part of capital plan. Jim OSC capital plan should just include costs for identification and acquiring of lands.

Linda asked Paul about examples of capital plan for active land. Paul noted it would be similar for capital plan developed for school facility.

Peter noted SB also deferred any decisions for updating the OSC charter until a future meeting. Peter asked OSC members present to provide their thoughts if OSC should become a standing committee. Unanimous agreement OSC should become a standing committee with focus on land acquisition.

New Business

Peter reminded committee members they will need to get re-appointed. JoAnne will be reappointed by Select Board.

Peter discussed the need to discuss goals for the committee. He developed a list of initial goals. This will be a topic of discussion at next OSC meeting.

Liz circulated a memo about funding to update Open Space Study from MRPC. Unanimously supported by the committee.

Next Meeting

8AM March 10, 2022