

Meeting called to at 7:04
WCC 1/21/21 - special meeting

Present: Chair Jason Morrill, Sharon de Kadt, Tim Austin, and Traci Cipriano

Not present: Leland Torrence and Frank DeLeo

Public Comments - none received or any members of the public present

Review/approve the minutes of December 17, 2020 meeting. Jason made a motion to approve the minutes, Tim Austin seconded. No discussion. The vote passed. No abstentions.

The group reviewed the trail challenge website work. The Woodbridge park association has a board meeting on 17 February. Kate will continue to work on it and then present it to the group again. The goal would be to have it be a shared resource. Land trust should also be presented with the concept.

Review and approve minutes from the special meeting on 1/17 - Jason made a motion to approve and Kate second. Discussion, Tim asked for a point of clarification about connecting blue to white. With that addition, there was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.

The Chair provided an update on the walk and what we found. Jason spoke with Betsy at town hall. Andy, the trail master, is the lead person on following up with the property owner. The WCC feels that it should be a concerted effort. Sharon asked about grasses and planting to avoid run off. It is our understanding that Andy would organize the trail creation group.

Goals for 2021 -

The group discussed the Open Space objectives with measures. It was decided that each measure should have a committee member attached to them who would act as the project manager. These items have been taken from the plan of conservation. The measures would be the focus. The group reviewed the document as a whole.

To summarize for 2021- we will work on Fitzgerald Property Protection, work on classification and rating, which leads into the process of acquiring a property. Collaborating with Land Trust. And Items with Greenway.

Prioritization:

1. Develop use designations of open space (Jason will circulate. This could take a single meeting to get through) - **February meeting**
2. Property Classification Rating (designate one meeting for each of these items) - **March meeting**
3. Greenway extension - identify where the trail would go
4. Review of properties worthy of acquisition

5. Fitzgerald Tract preservation
6. How to acquire
7. Revise open space plan

Chairman's report –

- Jason reported what he had learned about the Park Lane solar farm. There is also a property further down on Park Lane. The land trust is potentially interested. 57 Park Lane was a property that the WCC nearly acquired in 2015 but was not focused on because it was only zoned for one house.
- Jason did not get a chance to talk to the bird house group.
- No news on cell tower. The town is still discussing.
- For the multifamily zoning, there will be another hearing to watch in early February.

Discussion continued to clarify the times of meetings for 2021.

The meetings are special because they are at a different time. We had shifted to 7 because we could. We previously met at 7:30 because that was when the room was available.

Traci made a motion to adjourn, Sharon seconded. The vote passed.

The meeting adjourned 8:32pm