Open Space and Recreation Committee
February 6, 2019
Town Hall, Room 7 ♦ 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mike Chapman, Olga Hayes, Helen Bethell, Francie Caudill, Jared Porter
Members Absent: Nicky McHugh, Steve Jaworski
Others Present: Mary Reilly, OSRC Staff

Mike Chapman, Chair, opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda.

Minutes
No minutes were available for review.

Discussion on Open Space and Recreation Plan Goals and the new Manchester Master Plan
The intent of the discussion was to determine potential conflicts with the goals stated in the Open Space and Recreation Plan and interests identified in the new Master Plan. Helen Bethell distributed several documents to aid in the discussion.

Mike asked Mary to explain where the Master Plan was at this point. Planning Board met with BOS to finalize the Master Plan; however, the Planning Board wasn’t ready to approve it and stated that they needed more time to review. Another meeting will be held with the BOS and the Planning Board.

Helen noted that the focus of the Master Plan seems to be revenue and the need to generate it—especially since the Town lacks major industry. Olga noted that the ConCom has been involved in the discussions and that they reviewed the draft plan and offered comments.

Helen also noted that there’s a desire to develop the Limited Commercial District (LCD), much of which is in the watershed for Manchester’s drinking water.

Mike suggested that the Plan should emphasize that the LCD isn’t all developable – much of it is under Open Space (MECT and the Town). There are also errors in the maps that have been supplied by MAPC (lack of open space identified in the LCD).

There’s also a desire to build affordable housing in the LCD – one of the parcels being considered is the Brown property. MECT is interested in protecting a portion of the property that would buffer the impact of stormwater, etc. on the area wetlands.

Mike noted that he would speak with Sue Brown (Planner) asking if the OSRC can provide input at the next BOS hearing with the Planning Board since it will be a public meeting. We should also request that they fix any errors on the maps.

Schedule next meeting
• The next regular meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wed, 3/13
• Helen Bethell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm; Jared Porter seconded the motion.
Referenced Documents:
- 2017 Water Confidence Report
- Manchester by the Sea Economic Development Strategies
- Lincoln Street Well discussion
- TPL Water, Water, Everywhere
- Watershed parcels East spreadsheet
- Email from Helen Bethell, dated 1-17-19

Submitted by Mary Reilly