

Parks and Conservation Land Board | Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Public Safety Building Meeting Room

8:00 AM

Meeting called to order at 8:19 AM.

Item 1 | Attendance

Members Present: Suzanne Foley-Ferguson, Jessica Sargent
Richard Murphy, Douglas Williams

Liaisons Present: Todd Souza

Guests Present: Andrew Mackie, Scott Kunkler

Item 2 | Approve Minutes - April 11, 2023

Jessica Sargent motioned to approve minutes.

Douglas Williams seconded the motion.

Motion Approved

4 Yea | 0 Nay

Public Comment

- Andrew Mackie from the Scarborough Land Trust informed the committee that the funding for the 80 Beech Ridge Road property was approved by the Town Council.
- With 30x30 being approved and being such a big goal, Andrew expresses the importance of having real conservation land and not just what looks good on paper.
- The Scarborough Land Trust just received a \$3,000 a year donation from an anonymous donor, which will be used for student projects. Andrew would like to look at vulnerable species and habitats.

Item 3 | Update on 30x30 & Council Presentation

- The Town Council unanimously passed the 30x30 resolution and agreed to fund the Open Space Plan. The committee will discuss at a later date which member of this board should join the ad hoc committee for the plan.
- Brief discussion on what will be a part of the Open Space Plan and what changes may come from it.
- The committee talked at length about how and when to ask for increased funding to aid in the 30x30 goal set forth by the Town Council.

Item 4 | 00 Gorham Road Presentation

- Scott Kunkler from the Scarborough Land Trust presents to the committee the 11.5 acre property located at 00 Gorham Road.
- This parcel of land will become an extension of Warren Woods and is part of the pitch pine bog community.

- SLT is requesting \$130,000 from the land bond to purchase property. They will have to raise an additional \$45,000 to complete the project. They are also seeking an additional source of funding through a grant.
- There is potential to receive a federal grant to fund this property through NAWCA, but recipients will not see any funds until Fall/Winter 2024. In the case that SLT does receive this grant, they would give money back to the Town.
- Closing day for this property is September 30, 2023.

Douglas Williams motioned to approve the acquisition of 00 Gorham Road for \$130,000.

Richard Murphy seconded the motion.

Motion Approved

4 Yea | 0 Nay

Item 5 | Detailed Assessment Form - 00 Gorham Road

- Discussed within Item 4.

Item 6 | Discussion of Reimbursement Scenario & Recommendation

- Tabled

Item 7 | Detailed Assessment Form

- Tabled

Items for Next Agenda

- Detailed Assessment Form

Next meetings are scheduled for July 11 and August 8 at 8:00 AM.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 AM.