

**TOWN OF GARDINER OPEN SPACE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018**

Attendees Present: Rebecca Benner, Kellie George, Kay Hoiby, Jean McGrane, Laura Rose, Laura Wong Pan

Absent: Linda Geary

1. **Ground rules** -Meeting Ground rules proposed by the Chair were amended to include the "Three Times Rule : If you think something three times during the meeting, Say IT."

2. **Terms of Office** - The following are the terms of appointment for the permanent members that came from picking out numbers from a hat.

<b>Permanent Member (years)</b>	<b>Term</b>
Laura Rose	1
Laura Wong Pan	2
Becca Benner	3
Kay Hoiby	4
Jean McGrane	5
<b>Alternate Member</b>	
Linda Geary	5
Kellie George	5

Question: What is the actual term? January - December?  
Awaiting response from Supervisor Majestic.

3. **Meeting Schedule** - The group agreed to meet on the **second Monday of the month** with flexibility to accommodate people's schedule as much as possible since several people travel for work and also have summer vacations planned. **The next meeting will be Monday, June 11, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. The July meeting will be on Monday, July 2, 6:30 - 8:00pm**

#### **4. Getting Access To the Open Space Plan**

- **On line** – A copy of the complete Open Space Plan is available on the Town's web site Home Page <http://www.townofgardiner.org> .Scroll down the left side to **Laws, Zoning, Resolution**. Click here and you will see the **Open Space Plan** listed second. this is the entire document with maps, correspondence, etc.
- **Hard copies** - 5 hard copies of the Open Space Plan have been requested which should be received soon. Included in this number is copy to be placed in the Gardiner Library for anyone who does not have access to the Internet.

**5. Meeting Minutes and Notices** – The Commission will have meeting minutes. Rebecca Benner has volunteered to take meeting notes in the future.

**6. Previous Open Space Commission minutes, materials etc.** The members present wanted to know what other materials from the previous Open Space Commission's work are

available? Previous minutes? Correspondence? Electronic copies of maps etc.

People to contact for information include:

Mark Moran - Laura Wong Pan

Warren Weigand and Supervisor Majestic - Jean McGrane

### **7. Existing Conservation Easements in the Town**

**of Gardiner** - The Members wanted to know whether or not the Town has information on which properties currently have conservation easements on them. Jean McGrane will reach out to Michelle Mosher to see what if any information is available on existing conservation easements.

**8. Open Space Law** - The Open Space Law sent out previously was not the most current. The most up to date copy of the Open Space Law can be found on the Town's web site in the Laws, Plans and Zoning Section:

GARDINER TOWN CODE <http://ecode360.com/GA1939>

Section 165.

### **9. Brainstorming Summary:**

#### **What Do we Need To Know to Move Ahead?**

- What are the town owned parcels - size and location?
- What's worthy of protection?
- What are the threats facing open space in the Town?
- What are the magnitude of the threats?

- Are there alternatives that can be provided to present Open Space Development proposals such as Heartwood?
- How can we incentivize conservation?
- How can conservation values be communicated throughout the Town?
- How can conservation be expanded throughout the Town?
- What power is there in the Open Space Plan itself?
- Does the Open Space Plan need to be amended?

**Follow Up Action:**

1. All members will read the complete Open Space Plan and be prepared to discuss the Plan at the next meeting. Rebecca Benner has agreed to review the plan and present at the next meeting her perceived strengths and potential areas for improvement.

2. Seeking additional information - Laura Wong Pan will contact Mark Moran and Jean McGrane will contact Warren Weigand and Supervisor Majestic to determine what materials are available from the previous Open Space Commission's work.

3. List of Town owned properties - Jean McGrane will request this information from the Town.

4. Next Meeting: Monday June 11, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.