

Town Land Use Committee
June 12, 2023
Minutes

Present: Tim Fiske, Lilliane LeBel, Gail Cromwell, Kathy Boot, Allan Pickman

Guests: Peter Allen, Connie Kieley, Matt Cabana, Emily Sliviak

Chairman Fiske called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

1. The Minutes of June 5 were approved without amendment.
2. Other Business. Tim asked if the group petitioning the special meeting had a list for us. Emily Sliviak said no, they did not. It was also stated that they have no contract to purchase any abutting land. Lilliane asked if they were having Mr. Huntley do some work, and if so, what did they expect to pay, Emily said "very little."
3. Other parcels. The SchoolHouse Meadow conservation easement is in the works but not yet completed.
4. Tim brought up another parcel the committee has worked on, the land by the Temple Elementary School. The odd shaped triangle of land that fronts Route 45 in front of the town lot is regarded by the state as part of the highway. As such the Temple land borders the highway, so it is clear that the town has frontage on that lot. Pickman agreed with that interpretation. There is talk of two possible projects for that land in the future; a site for a significant solar project, and/or housing, possible affordable. We will continue to analyze the best or most likely use for that property.
5. Tim described a problem faced by the Highway Department: Now that the new cemetery is nearly completed, they are running out of space to store material that has been created by various projects, such as installing culverts. Excess material has to go somewhere. They generally do not dump on private property, even when requested, because of the danger of some sort of contamination, e.g., the very invasive Japanese weed of recent years. If the new site for the Highway Garage is maintained, that would be a good possibility in need of fill.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Respectfully,
Gail Cromwell

