

TOWN OF EASTON
South Park Advisory Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 7, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom – access as follows:

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Meeting ID: 827 6028 8757

Password: SPAC0607

Total attendees – members: 9, public 3

1. Call to order @7:08 by John Cunningham, thanking people for being at the meeting on time.
2. Committee Members present: John Cunningham, Tara Sanft, Ross Ogden, Jeff Becker, Elliot Leonard, Andy Kachele, Dwight Senior, Bob Schrage and Brian Williams.
Members of the public present: Grant Monsarrat, Grif Conti, June Logie, Leslie Leslie Minasi
3. Discuss and approve Minutes of Meeting of May3, 2021. Motion to approve by Elliot, 2nd by Tara. Approved unanimously.
4. Motion to approve Minutes of Special Meeting of May 6, 2021, on motion by Elliot and 2nd by Ross. Tabled after a lot of discussion of the reasons for the special meeting and other procedural questions.

Entertain and discuss request that the CFE letter be added to the agenda. Tara S asks who represents CFE at the meeting. June Logie introduces Leslie Minasi.

5. Public Comment

Grant M reminds us all about the referendum that resulted in the purchase of South Park property in 2008 he says a majority of the town voted for the referendum and that means the property should be preserved not sold for commercial use. Then Grant read a statement from CFE approving the naming of the SP property after Bill Kupinse.

Andy K pointed out that he worked with Bill over a long period of time and Bill was not involved in the purchase of the South Park Property, but he was instrumental in the purchase of the property that became SSES. John echoed Andy about Bill. John ran Parks and Rec for a long time while Bill was First Selectman and John knows that Bill did not think it was wise to name public places after people, using Toth Park that is now

Aspetuck Park as an example. June Logie added again that the property was bought for preservation.

Grant offered the observation that the most economic use of the land is for preservation.

Dwight wants the committee to reconsider its position on the hemp farm. Andy points out that a motion to reconsider is not possible and Brian agrees.

6. New Business:

Following the agenda for this meeting John points out that the principle purpose of our meeting is to discuss a process for drafting the outline for the Committee's Final Report.

Tara suggests we could circulate the draft year-end report that was sent around in December. Updates from Committee Members re investigations

Andy proposes that draft be circulated by email then a special meeting called to vote on the final.

Per John C, each group who looked at opportunities would be drafting approximately 4 sentences of commentary in the report.

8. Public comment

No public comment.

9. Plan for next period: Set a date for meeting to review final report.

10. Adjournment Motion by Ross, 2nd by Bob. Unanimous at 8:49.