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Town of Easton South Park Advisory Committee Regular Meeting January 4, 2021

> Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 862 89930112

Password: SPAC0104
Total attendees: 11

1903 Call to order by John Cunningham

Committee members present: John Cunningham, Ross Ogden, Lisa Keane, Jeff Becker, Elliot Leonard, Andy Kachele, Dwight Senior, Bob Schrage, Tara Sanft

- 1. Review minutes from Nov 16, 2020 meeting, motion to approve minutes by A Kachele, second by T Sanft, no changes, vote was unanimous.
- 2. Public comment: Grant Monsarrat, 370 N Park, states any communication brought to the committee, including the sealed bid interest, should be shared publicly. The committee has responded to a FOI request.

3. Old business:

- A. Review and discuss November 16, 2020 meeting, no comments
- B. Committee reports on ongoing investigations:
 - 1. Solar farm, no updates
 - 2. Ag application, no updates
 - 3. Educational nature center, no updates
- 4. Preserve and protect, by Dwight Senior, reports it would cost \$3-5K to clean up the parcel, per Public Works. An excavator and 2-3 dumpsters need to be rented.
- 5. Residential development, by R Ogden, walked the property with a residential broker, no real interests at this time but he will have comps for the next meeting.
 - 6. Commercial development, no updates
 - 7. Grant application status, no updates
- C. Project rankings: still need 2 from Jeff and Dwight. Dwight would like more information on the anonymous bid in order to do his ranking, Jeff agrees. After discussion, rankings will be completed by Dwight and Jeff. As the December meeting was canceled, we will need to set the new meeting schedule in a public meeting. Therefore, this meeting is a special meeting, where no items can be added. The February meeting will be a special meeting, where we will vote on the new schedule.

4. New business:

A. Blaze proposal update by A Kachele. He and D Bindelglass met with Dan and Gina and advised on items to put in a formal proposal, which would be

submitted to the town public. This includes recommendations of granting a conservation easement along the river and either ALT or Trout Unlimited being allowed to preserve the area. Include number, location and size of any structures wanted. Also, include any items that the town's people might benefit from.

B. Discussion of additional contacts/investigations, none

5. Public comment: Lisa Keane, SPAC secretary, advises that she will be resigning from the committee, as her family is moving out of state. A formal letter of resignation will be sent to the BOS and committee.

Grant Monsarrat, 370 N Park, questions where we are in sharing information regarding anonymous interests with the public? J Cunningham responds that a FOI request was received and responded to appropriately. If able, he will share the response. All meetings are recorded, along with the minutes and posted on the town website.

6. Plan for next period: We will change the February meeting to a special meeting and vote on the future schedule. We will also need to vote on a new secretary. J Becker suggests that he attend the BOS meeting on Thursday to bring forward the costs of cleaning up the property and recommend the town acts on this now. The majority of the members of the committee agree with this. J Becker will report this discussion at the BOS meeting.

1956 Motion to adjourn by J Becker, second by B Schrage, vote is unanimous.

Zoom Link:

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Minutes submitted on January 8, 2021 by L Keane, SPAC Secretary