

Open Space Committee Meeting – February 25, 2014 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jason Menegus at 6:35 pm.

Flag Salute was done by all present.

- 1) Attendance Taken: Present were Jason Menegus, Nevitt Duveneck, Bob Mackey, and Dave Newhouse. Nancy Bilyk was absent.
- 2) A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Bob Mackey with a second by Dave Newhouse. Motion carried.
- 3) A motion was made to approve the minutes for the November 2013 meeting by Bob Mackey with a second by Dave Newhouse. Motion carried. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 2014 meeting by Bob Mackey with a second by Dave Newhouse. Motion carried.
- 4) New Business/Public Comments – Mark Keating of 29 Free Union Road was in attendance. His land is in Highlands Preservation Zone. It was a cattle farm at one time. He currently has 2-3 acres of pasture to be fenced off for cattle. The rest of the property is overgrown but mowable. He is interested in applying for preservation and needs to fill out an application in time for the Highlands Preservation deadline. Mr. Keating was advised to begin the process quickly. A motion to recommend his property for preservation was made by Bob Mackey with a second by Dave Newhouse. Motion Carried.
- 5) Old Business – The Erhardt Farm is under contract as is the Walburn Farm. The Spencer Farm still haven't completed their application. The Shoemaker Farm in under state review.

Bullock Farm and Bartha Farm are moving forward.

Landowner Letter Follow Ups – Mr. Wade is possibly interested, Cramer, Fratezi, and Hoffman are also possibly interested. Rothman has spoken to Nancy and we will get information at the next meeting. Kline, Kilts, and Kimball are unknown at this time. Unangst is interested in having 85 acres preserved.

- 6) A motion was made to adjourn at 7:05 pm by Valerie Tishuk, with a second by Nancy Bilyk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Andrews

Secretary