

Open Space Working Group
PLUS Offices Conference Room (2 Fairgrounds Road)
DRAFT Minutes May 7, 2019, 1 p.m.

- 1. Attendance.** Judith Wegner, Eric Savetsky, Jesse Bell, Emily Molden, Brooke Mohr, Jeff Carlson, David Worth, Whit Gifford; Tucker Holland (staff); absent: Diane Lang, Cormac Collier
- 2. Call meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm.
- 3. Approval of Agenda.** The meeting agenda was approved as proposed.
- 4. Public Comments.** None.
- 5. Discussion of Scope of Work and Goals and Objectives.** After welcoming all to the workgroup, Judith Wegner had each member introduce themselves / their organization and discuss areas of interest and concern. Ms. Wegner went over ground rules for conducting meetings. Ms. Wegner then initiated a discussion around a draft working group charge. Following that, the group discussed what additional information may be useful in determining whether the Town may qualify for the Land Area Minimum exemption under the Chapter 40B "Safe Harbor" provisions and what information might aid in evaluating the value of an Open Space Zone.
- 6. Work Plan.** Ms. Wegner reviewed a potential four-phase approach to the group's upcoming work, including information gathering (Phase I – May/June), public input and best practices (Phase II – July/Aug), evaluation – reviewing options / alternatives (Phase III – Sept/Oct) developing report with possible options for consideration by Planning Board in advance of 202 Annual Town Meeting (Phase IV – Nov/Dec).
- 7. Next Steps.** The group discussed further the materials that may be useful for the next meeting and the need for further discussion and agreement on goals.
- 8. Other Business.** There was no other business.
- 9. Future Meeting Dates.** It was proposed the group meet on the first Monday of every month (except Labor Day, in which case the meeting would be on the second Monday) – June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2. The meeting time would be 1pm. Location – TBD.
- 10. Adjournment.** At 3:05, the meeting adjourned.