

Royalston Open Space Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: July 6, 2014

Members Present: Paul Montero, Christine Beckert Long, Patti Carrier, George Vaccari

Chair: Paul Montero

Clerk: Patti Carrier

The meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. at town hall.

The May 2014 meeting minutes were approved

Old Business:

The GIS Map was reviewed. The next step is to identify tax title lands and other parcel status for recommendations to the Selectboard and residents of Royalston. This DRAFT map can be used for future use as well as populate with parcel status. It was suggested that this be included as an exhibit in the next Open Space Plan once completed. Patti agreed to check the State's website with respect to Ch 61 land status and see if it includes an expiration clause.

Members of Royalston's community attended the meeting to express their concern and opposition to the planned natural gas pipeline that may cross landowner property. A motion was made to oppose the pipeline in the State of Massachusetts in favor of increased energy efficiency and implementation of more renewable energy. The motion did not pass because the committee felt that this topic was outside of the scope of the Open Space Committee and recommended that the Town's Energy Committee adopt this position.

New Business:

No new business was discussed

Exhibits: GIS Map

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.