

Royalston Open Space Committee

Minutes - Amended

Meeting date: March 2, 2015

Members Present: Paul Montero, Christine Beckert Long, Patti Carrier, Carl Kamp

Clerk: Patti Carrier

The meeting convened at 7:10PM at the Town Hall

The July 2014 meeting minutes were approved

Old Business:

With respect to CH61 lands, the Town assessor's office is responsible for administering the program. Landowners who wish to remain in Ch. 61 status must do the following:

If landowner is in Ch61 – Forestry, then they need to reapply every 10 years. If the landowner is in Ch61A (agriculture) or Ch61B (Open Space), then they must re-apply annually. If there is no application for renewal, then penalties and rollback taxes may be assessed.

New Business:

March 25 conference @ Worcester Tech. – Mass Land Trust Coalition. Carl had expressed interest in attending. The committee approved to reimburse Carl the cost of the conference if he decided to attend

The committee also discussed opportunities for citizens to apply for the UMASS Extension Keystone Project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM

Exhibit 1