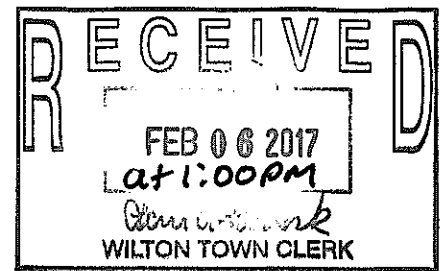


Schenck's Island / Merwin Meadows Study Committee
1/30/2017 Meeting – 7:00pm – Comstock 13



In attendance:

- All voting members: Dan Berg, John Priest, Susan DiLoreto, Jade Hobson, Ben Couch, Andrea Preston, Sarah Gioffre
- Not yet officially appointed member, present as guest: Peter Gaboriault
- Town Liaisons: Mike Conklin, Steve Pierce
- First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Dan Berg

Lynne Vanderslice discussed the Committee's mission and provided an overview and handout on FOIA guidelines. It is a goal of the Committee to have a recommendation for SI and MM to the BoS in September or thereabouts.

A discussion ensued of the existing state of both SI and MM, with a brief history of previous projects, and previously considered plans.

Lynne Vanderslice departed the meeting at 7:30.

Dan Berg motioned to approve a regular meeting schedule going forward of the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 at Comstock, with one known exception at this time: Wed 2/15 instead of Tues 2/14.

- Motion seconded by Jade Hobson
- Approved unanimously, no abstentions

Andrea Preston motioned to appoint Dan Berg as chairman of the Committee.

- Motion seconded by Sarah Gioffre
- Approved unanimously, no abstentions

Dan Berg motioned to approve Susan DiLoreto as vice-chairman of the Committee.

- Motion seconded by Jade Hobson
- Approved unanimously, no abstentions

The Committee agreed that rather than appoint a secretary, meeting minutes will be taken and submitted by a different member at each meeting in a round-robin fashion.

A discussion ensued of flood plains and flood ways, and where each occurs at SI and MM, and what building restrictions and challenges exist as a result. Ben Couch discussed river restoration plans at SI, and Mike Conklin discussed the ash borer infestation at SI and the plans to remediate by planting a variety of new native tree species.

Steve Pierce discussed some of the history and challenges of MM and desired improvements to existing structures that have been discussed in the past.

The Committee agreed to hold a Special Meeting on Sat Feb 11 at 9:00am for a SI and MM site walk. Attendees will meet in the SI parking lot. This is a public meeting and will be noticed on the town's web site.

Dan Berg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm.

- Motion seconded by Susan DiLoreto
- Approved unanimously, no abstentions.