

ROCKLAND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, 1:00 p.m., TOWN OFFICES,
LOWER MEETING ROOM

Attending: Donald Cann, Chair, Mike Bromberg, Vice-Chair, Pam Titus, Kathy

Lorraine Pratt, Conservation Commission

Mr. Cann opened the meeting. He advised that a Public Hearing on the McCarthy Farm acquisition is scheduled on 10/5/21 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Congratulations were offered to those committee members who worked so hard on the LAND Grant application, said grant for \$400,000.00 having been awarded by the Commonwealth in a ceremony led by Governor Baker on 9/21/21 in Lowell.

Discussion was held as to how donations to fund Rockland open space may be made. It was agreed that a meeting with Mr. McFaden and Ms. Grey of The Wildlands Trust may yield some viable mechanism. Members agreed that any fund needs to be controlled by the Town.

Ms. Pratt said that, if the acquisition is successful, close attention to the requirements of the grant must be paid. Ms. Titus suggested that she and Ms. Pratt review the grant and identify items that require action or monitoring. Mr. Bromberg and Mr. Cann will see to obtaining maps.

Mr. Cann advised that 10/23/21, starting at 9:00 a.m., a cleanup of the Rail Trail, Hartsuff Park and The Town Forest will be conducted. Mr. Cann is awaiting word from Mr. Ewell of the Park Department as well as the Health Department about a dumpster. He will appear before the Select Board to present the plan. Ms. Kirby will contact Mr. Jorgensen of Home Depot regarding their offer to supply gloves, bags, water, a truck, and workers to help. Ms. Davidson of Reimagine Rockland will take care of advertising/social media. She has copies of waivers to be signed by volunteers prior to participation.