



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Open Space Committee
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: June 25, 2019
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room

Fiscal Year 2019

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Stuart Beckley (Town Mgr.), Paul Opalinski, Tracey Opalinski
Absent: Ed Kosla
Guest(s): Mr. & Mrs. Oberg (abutters); Cynthia Henshaw (Exec. Dir., *East Quabbin Land Trust*);
Martha Klassanos; Rebekah DeCoursey (Town Planner & Comm. Dev.)

Quorum met, meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

New Business:

This meeting was called by Cynthia Henshaw in order for the OS Committee to hear issues raised by abutters of the northern section of the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT). Their primary concern was in regards to hunting on their own property once the MCRT is created; hunting is currently allowed in this area and the abutters wish to confirm that it will continue. We assured them that hunting will continue to be allowed, same as at the southern section of the MCRT in town. The EQLT, who are taking lead in developing the northern section, own a half mile of the rail trail at the Frohloff Farm and they allow hunting on their land, too. Other sections of the MCRT, along with other rail trails throughout the Commonwealth also allow hunting. It is the hunter's responsibility to always be aware of the location of any road, trail, path, house or business in the area before he or she fires their weapon; and the hunter must be able to identify the object being shot at. The OS Committee agreed that posting signs of the allowance of hunting in the area was a very good idea. People accessing the trail will be encouraged to stay on the trail.

Old Business:

We should be hearing very soon about the status of the rail trail grant we applied for in February. Denis has ordered the additional signs for the southern section of the rail trail and they should be ready soon.

Next Meeting: TBA

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm by motion of Denis, seconded by Paul and passed by a 4-0 vote.

June 25, 2019, minutes reviewed and approved:

