Present: Sharon Newman, Patti Smith, Dan Hogan, Karl Coughlin, Barbara Dee, Kathi Perkins, Richard Rottkov, Justin Barker, Milan Nevajda

Absent: Susan Chase

The minutes from the May 5, 2020 OSIC meeting were approved.

The Committee discussed Sharon's draft memo to the City Council clarifying the easement issue. It was decided to send the memo to Scott Morelli for distribution to the City Council. It was also decided to request a meeting with Scott and several members of the OSIC to clarify issues regarding tiering and easements. Sharon will contact Scott. Can one easement apply to more than one property, specifically the Green Belt, which is represented by a number of separate parcels? Sharon's response was yes.

The revised Tiering spreadsheet was discussed. All municipal utilities will be removed from the spreadsheet. Kathi pointed out that several properties are in the wrong place on the spreadsheet (Sawyer Marsh, a parcel near the Greenbelt, 2 water properties at Mill Cove, and one other between two houses). The Committee voted to retain the Veterans Memorial on Meeting House Hill and the flagpoles on Waterman Drive as Tier 2. A discussion followed about how to maintain the work put into tiering all the properties; the spreadsheet contains a great deal of useful historical information that could benefit future decisions regarding properties not listed on the spreadsheet. The OSIC voted to maintain this information as an appendix to the Open Space plan.

The draft document Open Space Acquisition Committee was reviewed. Several amendments were made and documented on Justin’s copy. Milan suggested adding a reference to City Council review to items b and c. After discussion those changes were not included in b. Planning will review the formatting and then send the document to the OSIC members. Sharon will forward the document to Scott for further action.
The draft document Ad Hoc Land Bank Revision Committee was reviewed. Several amendments were made including expanding the membership of the committee to 5-7 members and documented on Justin’s copy. Planning will review the formatting and then send the document to the OSIC members. Sharon will forward the document to Scott for further action.

The OSIC needs to prepare a list of potential members for both new committees.

Sharon and Barbara will be meeting with Milan at his request.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday May 27 from 4-5:30. Justin will set up a Zoom meeting link.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Dee, Secretary