

Camp Morgan Protection Committee

Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2023

- 0.0 Assembly: 6:30pm, on 2nd floor of Town Hall
Present: Jim Crandall, Arin Mills, Fred Douglas, Steve Hanssen, Jed Schwartz, Nan Schwartz, Don Revane
1. Crandall stated that the committee was approved at the 2023 Town Meeting, warrant article 16, and the Select Board hadn't formed the committee since then, so they told Crandall to do it. He suggested the name for the committee should be: the Camp Morgan Protection Committee. All agreed.
Mills spoke about the conservation easement and what was excluded from the easement area. The school, CM lodge (developed areas) and beach were left out of the easement. She said there are 114 acres on the pond side and 23 acres across the road (TM 11-67 and 11-41).
 2. Crandall said that the committee will have one member each from the Planning Board, Forestry Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission and the Millen Lake Association. The members will be chosen by the 5 committees for a period to be determined or until the member is no longer on their group.
 3. Crandall suggested having a mission statement and putting it on the Town website. He is willing to do a first draft to send around for input by those present. He thinks the committee needs an official presence on the Town website as a standing committee.
 4. Revane entered the meeting and we had a discussion concerning the need to put the warrant article into the list of binding decisions in the Town Report and having the committee report each year in the Town Report. Revane agreed. Mills asked what a change of use would be for the property. She feels it is subjective and not something easily agreed upon. N Schwartz said that we need to document the current uses of the property as a baseline. Mills said that Conservation Commission will work on that list. We will also try to define a "change of use".
 5. Crandall asked if the committee needs some Rules of Procedure. He will draft something for comment.
 6. Crandall asked if there are RSA's that are pertinent to the committee. We will research this.
 7. Crandall spoke about amending the warrant article but we didn't think that was possible. He is concerned that in the future the Town could amend the warrant article to only require a majority vote and not 3/4's vote to approve a change.
 8. Adjournment: 7:15 PM, we will meet again when we have some documents to consider.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nan Schwartz