

NOTES FROM GARDINER OSC MEETING 5.19.10

PRESENT: MORAN, LEFEVRE, HUDSON, CANTOR, BOYLAN, FINGER, FOSTER, HUNTER (arrived at 8PM)

Review of Minutes from 4/10 meeting. Motion: Foster, Moran 2nd. Approved. Mike Boylan, Absent, Greg Finger, Absent – both Abstain,

Report from Rich K. Resolution Circulated. Rich, Warren, and Gale, (and now Greg, added this evening) will be on the Town's Fund-raising Committee for the PDR. Ray Smith will assist, though he won't be on the committee. Committee has met once, on 5/19. Committee will be seeking assistance of lots of folks to publicize this. Next meeting will be next Weds. at Noon.

Discussion of whether the TB could set aside some of the fees they receive, or create a new fee to support the work of open space. Perhaps some of the fee that now goes to parks and rec. could go to open space. But it does take a long time for this money to come into the pipeline. Rich Koenig will discuss this with his TB colleagues.

Gale Foster. Would like all members of the OSC to contribute to the fund-raising campaign for the Town's share of the PDR for the Kiernan farm. Checks should be made payable to the "Town of Gardiner", with Open Space Fund-raising/Kiernan Farm Project on the memo line. Check in with the Fund Raising committee members before doing FR on your own (Rich Koenig and Warren Wiegand are the co-chairs of the FR committee.)

Hess: another round of NRCS funding in November. Perhaps we can queue up the Hess farm, and get to work on the application now. Question is: if NRCS is only 50%, where will the matching money come from. Consensus is that we should move forward. We need to do the basics: contacting Albert Hess, (is he still interested) **Greg will do this**; who would pay for the preliminary appraisal (we think that the applicant should pay for it.) Perhaps Jim Waterhouse or Richard Butler would do a "reduced fee" preliminary appraisal. A formal letter should be sent to the town board, in time for their August meeting. (RFP from NRCS coming in Nov.; we want to move this forward). Perhaps hold this process back for a month or two – until Kiernan F-R gets going. Also check with NRCS to confirm that the RFP will be forthcoming. Letter to TB for the Aug. meeting. Also. We should **not** ask A. Hess to spend any money until the town commits to submitting the application.

We should also announce another round of applications.

Perhaps a letter with an update to the large landowners

Question: who should do the work on the application, TB or OSC.?

Presentation for large landowners--- help from WVLT , outlining the tax and other benefits of preservation easements. Maybe we should offer this to our town's large landowners.

Next meeting: June 16, 2010 7:30PM

Adjourned at 9:15PM.