

Wasley Property Committee Proposed Agenda for September 10, 2020 7:30 pm

1. Accepting minutes of 2020.08.20 meeting
 - a. Called to order at 7:30 by Robert Delayo
 - b. Approved by all
2. Discuss survey
 - a. Photo on survey swapped for image from farm
 - b. Question of leading questions and options removed:
 - i. Putting “sell property” as option, or leave “other” as place for that to be entered
 - ii. “Sale of development rights” and “sell property” removed as optional responses, with “other” discussed as space for those options to be submitted; unanimously approved
 - iii. “Affordable housing”:
 1. Committee members cited Waterbury Republican article from May 15, 2011 about town purchase of the property:
 - a. Irving Wasley quoted as saying that the property could be a resource for the town on par with Warren Woods
 - b. Family was assured that it would not be developed in future (word of mouth, quote in article)
 - c. Protecting open space was cited as part of town’s plan of conservation and development (cited in town meeting minutes)
 2. Does this undermine previous vote (focused on recreational use, fields for sporting use, etc)
 3. Cornwall’s affordable housing approach: town owns land, low income folks can purchase structure
 4. Potential to rent house and use as development funding for space
 5. Potential to use house as office/headquarters space or other uses:
 - a. Split out other section on survey for possible uses of house and barn, free text
 - c. Additions:
 - i. Installation of solar farm
 1. Question about how state legislation might impact that
 2. Removed from survey due to uncertainty about state regulation
 - ii. Leave property as is/open space
 - d. Insert mention of minutes from town meeting when purchase of property was approved in introduction to document
 - e. Discussion of how the information collected will be interpreted (not as “most votes”, but as “these options in combination capture the majority of responses in favor” and “these options garnered no votes”
 - f. Committee agrees that surveys will inform recommendations to board, and desire that outcomes be offered for town vote
 3. Develop timeline for survey distribution

- a. Robert recommends holding survey until next meeting; begin to develop plan for distribution, and get info sent to town residents
 - b. Concerns re: liability of town on property: no signs regarding town responsibility (not present on other town properties, either)
- 4. Discuss agenda for next meeting (2020.10.08)
 - a. Approve minutes from 9/10
 - b. Develop distribution plan for survey
 - c. Discuss agenda for next meeting

Motion to adjourn: 8:47

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