Wasley Property Committee Minutes

July 8, 2021 7:00 pm

Location: Town Hall meeting room (in-person only)

Present: Robert Delayo, Scott Parkhouse, Elizabeth Chandler, Josh Tanner, Kathy Newton, Kathy Engle-Dulac, Nathalie Broadhead, Tim Angevine Called to order by Robert at 7:10

- 1) Approval of last month's minutes.
 - a. Moved by Kathy Newton, seconded by Josh Tanner, approved unanimously
- 2) Additions to agenda.
 - a. Email from Tim Angevine to Joanne Tiedmann and Colleen Frisbee
 - i. Committee formation and task (members and mission)
 - ii. Launched by question re: need for quorum and other elements as these pertain to legality of committee meetings/Roberts Rules, especially due to committee member not being registered voter in town yet
 - iii. Response indicates no need for concern on this matter
 - iv. Clarity of expectations, use of committee vs. "group"; generated concerns about election of members, rules, and responsibilities. Committees do not need to be formally elected, Roberts Rules are used for ease and to assure some level of formality, to ensure town awareness and comfort of expectation, transparency, and freedom of information for residents to access conversations in the committee. These are strong recommendations by the town, not legal responsibilities of the committee.
- 3) Each committee member to present their analysis of the survey responses.
 - a. At last meeting, discussed process by which we decided that the committee would give a presentation to BoS by September. Tim indicated that such a presentation would be the only remaining expectation of the group, but hope that we would, as individuals, join in other groups/committees or boards
 - b. Discussed themes of responses: recreational use (56%), ag use (39%), sell (29%), do not sell (20%), leave as open space (27%)
 - Elizabeth recommends not suggesting sale to BoS as it seems unlikely to pass a town vote based on this, suggests alternative approaches to using the house/sale prospect in presentation
 - ii. Robert suggests handing survey results to BoS for them to interpret
 - 1. Elizabeth encourages committee to interpret the data to make sense
 - 2. Josh asks if we are presenting top 5 or 3 responses, that was a suggestion rather than a plan, but still holds committee interest

- Question of legality of showing raw data to anyone who seeks it; some responses include identifying information; if anyone requests it from BoS then raw data can be seen if we give it to BoS without redaction
- 4. Regardless of our presentation and town input, some options will be determined by Board of Finance
- Town volunteers could bump an option from 3rd spot to 1st based on feasibility (volunteers/talent/resources of residents offered for use on property)
- 6. Kathy Newton mentioned multiple uses for property mentioned on many surveys; 21 people wanting to sell, 81 wanting to keep it for a variety of reasons; cited mission's inclusion of making a recommendation to the BoS, not simply to report raw data we received, AND give them the data we received. Any presentation by the committee can begin with the 4:1 in favor of keeping in order to put the sale question specifically to vote. Such a presentation can serve to get teams of volunteers together to act on potential uses.
- 7. Do we want to ask the BoS to put the sell question to the town for a vote? Likely not
- 4) Discuss presentation to the BOS.
 - a. Presentation as letter voted upon by committee and sent to BoS; letter to be written tonight and emailed to committee members for revision and final vote
 - b. Letter to be shared with committee members, raw data with names redacted (Elizabeth will do this), and Robert's interpretation
 - c. Letter, survey data, and survey sent to BoS moved by Kathy Newton, seconded by Josh Tanner, approved by all
- 5) Discuss August 2021 meeting agenda.
 - a. Letter will be sent around and agreed upon before 8/12 so next meeting will not be needed.
- 6) Public comment.
 - a. None present
- 7) Adjournment; moved by Kathy Newton, seconded by Nathalie Broadhead, approved at 8:36