



Franc Property Land Use Committee
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SPECIAL MEETING
July 25th, 2013 – BETHEL MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 P.M. – DENIS J. RIORDAN ROOM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT : R. Maxwell, Chairman; R. Hoffman; J. O'Neill; S. Dolan; D. Carlino; M. Siciliano; P. Antolini; B. Cavagna, P&Z official.

Chairman Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Beth Cavagna reported that Don Goodrich, Elected Chairman of the Franc Property Land Use Committee, is no longer able to chair due to personal reasons. He will remain on the board. Ron Maxwell agreed to chair in the interim.

Motion by J. O'Neill to nominate Ron Maxwell as Chairman, seconded by R. Hoffman.
Opposed: None. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES:

P. Antolini discussed the rules of the adjoining Bruno property and the discrepancies with the Franc Property rules. Clear signage would be needed at borders of property in regards to what is allowed at each property. B. Cavagna stated that the Bruno property will have signage facing the Franc Property delineating border of both properties.

Discussion of the Rules and Regulations to pass onto the Board of Selectman for approval. P. Antolini proposed allowing hunting only on select days and asked how much of the Franc Property has been designated to hunters. Chairman Maxwell took a consensus of the Commission to end discussion on hunting. Discussion ended.

Chairman Maxwell requested B. Cavagna summarize committee duties. B. Cavagna suggested the following:

- Adopt Rules and Regulations
- Observe Disc Golf demonstration tonight
- State direction of property now and in the future
- Board of Selectman report needs to be done by 10/1/13
- Schedule Public Input Meeting

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Break in meeting to observe Disc Golf demonstration.

Disc Golf demonstration by Greg Newkirk, Adam Goodman and Jerry LaBadia. Disc Golf Notes: 9 or 18 hole courses, 18 holes requires 20-24 acres, all ages can play, playing within a treed environment is the norm, tournaments would require parking. Maximum tournament attendees for playing 18 holes is 72 – 90 people.

Meeting resumed.

Top three priorities for Franc Property:

1. Trails
2. Open field preservation
3. Signage with property name (? Not decided yet) displayed on corner of Plumtrees and Old Hawleyville.

Potential Future Uses (more research and discussion needed before adopting)

1. Disc Golf
2. Community Garden
3. Dog Park
4. Nature Center (in conjunction with Board of Education and/or Audubon Society)
5. Food Forest

Publicity – P. Antolini in conjunction with the Board

Public Input Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2013.

Sue Dolan will work with the Education Foundation to discuss grant money for possible educational programs.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. by J. O'Neill, seconded by D. Carolino.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Galbis, Secretary