

## **Killingworth Open Space Committee Meeting (via GoToMeeting)**

**Sept. 12, 2022**

### **Minutes**

Members Present: Aaron Dollar, Heather Greenaway, Michael Parahus, Stephanie Warren, John Mancini, Dave Hyman, Mike Drew, Clark Judge. First Selectwoman Nancy Gorski was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

No visitors were present, so no public comments were made.

C. Judge updated the group on the Deer Lake sale, telling members that a news conference to announce the purchase of the property by Pathfinders, Inc., a local nonprofit, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Deer Lake Scout Reservation. The briefing is expected to begin at 4 p.m. N. Gorski said she had discussions with Ted Langevin, president of Pathfinders, on additional fundraising through state or town resources to satisfy the \$1.8-million in loans Pathfinders assumed to close the deal.

H. Greenaway suggested that two parcels of property on Route 148 that recently were sold be added to the Open Space watch list. The tracts, which are located at Murray Ponds, adjoin state and Connecticut Water properties and recently were sold for \$3 million. One of the parcels, Greenaway said, has no buildings, making it ideal for future acquisition if it were to be sold again.

N. Gorski opened a discussion on four Fox Run properties that Geoff Picard, the former Open Space chair, wanted brought before the Board of Selectmen for conservation. The properties are owned by the town, but Picard suggested they be designated as open space to protect them in perpetuity. A more detailed discussion was suggested for the future.

N. Gorski addressed the question of how best to raise funds for future acquisitions of open-space properties and said she believes state-based options are the keys. There was ample conversation but no resolution. No motions were required.

The next meeting therefore is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. via GoToMeeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Judge Jr., secretary