

Minutes of the 101 Mill Road Committee May 18th, 2016

Member Attendees

Curtis Barton
Louise Cryts
Hugh Evans
Bill Griffin
Brian Latina
Sara Pereira

Member Absentee:

BoS representative

Members of the Public in attendance:

Dave Sperry, 99 Mill Road
Laura Merrill (Board of Selectmen)

A quorum being present, Bill called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Bill led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At Laura Merrill's request, Bill reviewed the Committee's status. He explained the relationship with the School Department review of facilities. Our Committee is reviewing options – we are to select those that make the most sense. We will brief the Fall Town meeting. We are working toward a June appearance before the Board of Selectmen. We will finish in the summer, including discussions with 99 Mill. Our recommendations will include consideration of the trees, and property. We will consider 40B considerations and the Russell Mill clear cut of their property. The 101 Mill/soccer fields barrier is important.

Bill will brief Pat Wojtas (probable BOS representative). Bill requested that Laura hold off on talking to Pat until Bill has briefed Pat. Laura will discuss this with Pat.

7:19 Public Input

None.

7:20 Approval of Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of April 13th. Bill will send additional notes from Mister Silver's visit. A motion to approve the minutes of April 13th, as amended, (Brian/Louise) passed 6-0-0.

Public comment: 99 Mill is looking to tie in to the Town sewer system. 101 Mill is close to the sewer line from Freeman Road to Mill Road. Bill noted in that regard the

Spring Town Meeting was not a good time to discuss the Inspection Report. 101 Mill isn't a part of the School department plans.

Note: Committee reports were discussed within the relevant parts of the meeting.

8:05 Bicentennial Discussion

How do we tie in the bicentennial of the 101 Mill property? Brian noted that other towns and elsewhere in the US have homes and organizations for this type of property.

Hugh suggested that we have a Friends of 101 Mill group. We could have an event. It would tie in with business and support the property. Caterers and others might support an event. A celebration facilitates a decision and support for our recommendation. We will need an extension to make this happen. Bill will contact Pat Wojtas. Brian noted that we could hold another open house. There could be a simulated event using the bicentennial.

Dave Sperry recommends involving the Historical Commission. George Ripsom may have a contact. Bill asked Dave Sperry to contact George. If he doesn't have a contact, Bill will request direct contact. An event could include a tent, food, etc., to showcase the property. Sara will follow up with Richard Silver for ideas. We should let the Historical Commission help make this happen. We will need a tent, caterer, and publicity. First, we need a main sponsor. Timing is an issue.

8:35 Adjourn

We need to meet on the 25th to settle the way forward. We will discuss the way forward, with no public input. It will be a working session. In a brief discussion of the Inspection Report, Bill requested detailed feedback. Curtis and Bill will then discuss it with Gary Perichetti. Opinions on use should be removed.

A motion to adjourn to May 25th, at the Town Offices at 7 PM in LL06, (Brian/Louise) passed 6-0-0.