



Franc Property Land Use Committee
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
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SPECIAL MEETING
September 12th, 2013 – BETHEL MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 P.M. – DENIS J. RIORDAN ROOM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT : R. Maxwell, Chairman; R. Legnard; D. Goodrich; J. O’Neill; P. Improt; D. Carlino; R. Hoffman; R. Wallace; M. Siciliano; P. Antolini; B. Cavagna, P&Z official.

Absent: K. Watson; S. Dolan

Chairman Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Girl Scout Troop 711 presented their ideas for a dog park in their bid for the Silver Award.

Chairman Maxwell paraphrased the mission statement for the public and gave a recap of progress to date and called the public’s attention to the display wall (done by Girl Scout Christina Baraski) with proposed ideas for the property: Removal of invasive vegetation, restore fields, community garden, dog park and disc golf

Greg Newkirk, Disc Golf – Gave a brief overview of the game for the public.
Brett Leonard, Food Forest – Gave a brief overview for the public.

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| Those who spoke: | Pat Rist | 10 Shelter Rock Road |
| | Frances O’Neil | 54 Taylor Avenue |
| | Jerry Lobidia | |
| | Greg Newkirk | |
| | Larry Deming | 14 Waterhorse Brook Drive |
| | Nora O’Neil | 54 Taylor Avenue |
| | Ed Fitzpatrick | 14 Walnut Hill Road |
| | Mary Franc | 11 Ridge Road |
| | Rich Straiton | 7 Codfish Hill |

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Chairman Maxwell asked that it be noted in the minutes to contact Nonnewaug and the Agricultural Extension Center for advice on the Franc property.

Chairman Maxwell closed the Public Comment.

Recess: 7:55 to 8:05

MINUTES:

Discussion of meeting dates for next meeting and the agenda.

Chairman Maxwell restated the charge that was given to the Commission from the Board of Selectman.

Motion by R. Wallace to schedule the next Commission meeting on September 26, 2013. The meeting will include a work session on the preliminary report to the Board of Selectmen which combines the board recommendations with the input from the Public for short and long term goals.

Seconded by D. Goodrich

Motion Passed.

Chairman Maxwell stated an effort should be made to reach more groups for input.

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Rank feasible uses for property in order in response to input from public.
2. Vote on each item separately.
3. Recommend name for property: R. Legnard recommends Franc Preserve, J. O'Neill recommends Franc Farm.
4. Some items mentioned in Public Hearing have merit and need further discussion.

Motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. by R. Maxwell, seconded by P. Improta.

Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy Galbis, Secretary