

## Special Farnham Taskforce II Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Members Present:

Will Stevens, Karen Shackett, Ruth Bernstein, Ben Haigh, Sandy  
Witherell

Absent: Linda Oaks

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
2. Added new agenda item – warning for Conservation Commission.
3. Minutes from December 4, 2017 were reviewed. Sandy MOVED and Karen SECONDED to accept the minutes with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.
4. We went around the table to report out on homework assignments.
  - Will had heard nothing from Martin Hahn so far about a set meeting date. He did send a report and Will to send it to the committee.
  - Karen and Will met with Bill Roper about land trusts. He had suggested that we put in the charter what we don't want, which will leave it more open for other opportunities. He recommended Wally Tapia, an accountant from Burlington, as someone who can help us with setting up the land trust. Bill, also was surprised that MALT was not interested in our project.
5. Ben and Ruth will contact Jamie at MALT to talk about our progress.
6. Ruth will not reach out to Peter Kahn to ask whether we have done all we can to determine what the developmental potential is in Shoreham.
7. Another question was raised that we should ask VHCB: What does Cathedral Square need from us?
8. Maps are needed for the report. Ben to get them to Will.
9. Karen mentioned that Loren Wood and Jason Paquette has raised the issue of opening a quarry near the waste water treatment plant. They need to be invited to the next meeting.
10. Committee reviewed Will's draft of the 2017 Status Report of the Farnham Property Task Force. A couple of edits were made, but everyone was happy with the draft.
11. We went back to the community engagement discussion since that was one goal we had not achieved yet. After a little discussion, we asked Ruth to advertise in the next town newsletter and through Facebook that the land can be walked, skied or snowshoed on. Karen provided the spare maps from the earlier community engagement attempt this past summer.
12. Task force discussed whether to put an article into the annual town meeting warning for this year to vote on setting up a conservation commission. After discussion, we decided to wait to see what on how we want to manage the Farnham property because the commission would aid that process. We discussed bringing this up as new business at Town Meeting.
13. Karen and Will to submit report to the Selectboard.
14. Next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Agenda items: create a new timeline for our goals; Cathedral Square, and presentation at Town Meeting.
15. Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

(Note we could not meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> due to the weather)

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Shackett