

The Town of Medway
Open Space Committee, *Meeting in Executive Session*

Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2019

**Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle
Medway, MA 02053**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin	Brian Cowan
Present	X	X	X	X	X			

As identified in the published agenda, the Open Space Committee met in executive session after the public meeting of August 13, 2019.

The executive session began at 8:18 PM.

Background:

This executive session was a follow-up to the prior executive session of March 5, 2019. It had originally been scheduled for August 6th, but the Committee did not achieve a quorum on that date and couldn't meet.

Specifically, the topic of executive session was the possibility of the town acquiring part of what is commonly known as Redgate Farm on Lovering Street. Since the March meeting, the exact parcels have been refined to include 74 and 82 Lovering.

Discussion:

The goal of the planned August 6th discussion was to prepare for a Selectmen Executive session on the same topic planned for August 12th.

The rescheduled 8/13 OSC meeting did not support this. As a result, the Chairman composed a written submission based on the committee's March discussion. In summary, the Chairman communicated:

- The rating scores documented in the March Executive Session minutes.
- The committee's recommendation that both the Agricultural Commission and Affordable Housing Committee review the parcels.
- The support for multiple uses, housing, possibly grazing, trails and scenic vista – this is also on a scenic road.
- The sense that the parcel would be ideal for senior housing.

- That the northwest corner could be maintained as open space. It has a small seasonal pond, trees and meadow – a bench or picnic spot would be ideal here and would maintain the current scenic area as people come around the bend on Lovering Street.
- A potential trail around the entire parcel would be relatively flat and just under a mile loop. It could be mowed to maintain it.

The committee reviewed the topics in the Chairman's letter.

During the March meeting, the committee had asked whether the land on the west side of Lovering Street (parcel 21-057) might also be available. The Chairman has subsequently learned this is not an option.

Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Denise Legee and second by Charlie Ross, the Committee unanimously voted adjourn the executive session at 8:26 PM.

The votes were as follows:

In favor: Tina Wright, Charlie Ross, Jim Wickis, Joanne Williams, Denise Legee.

Opposed: None.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Ross
Clerk