

Orchard Working Group Minutes - 6/26/2024

Meeting was called to order with a quorum at 7pm

Present: Matthew Nordhaus, Mark Rambacher, Karen Morrison, Sarah Seaward.

Will Pickard arrived at 7:22

1. Review of Minutes
 - a. No meeting minutes were ready for review
2. Other Business
 - a. None was presented
3. New Mission for OWG
 - a. The working group discussed whether or not to continue as a working group, After Town Meeting did not approve a sale based on the group's recommendation the Select Board suggested leasing the property. Board members were divided on whether the working group should pivot to trying to lease. Matthew Nordhaus, Karen Morrison, and Mark Rambacher were in favor of working with the Select Board to create a Lease RFP. Jen Clancy and Amy Tarlow Lewis did not want to pursue a lease.
4. Updates
 - a. Town administrator has made contact with MAPC and is scheduling an initial meeting with them to discuss the scope of their help. Debate about whether or not to continue since their charge was related to the sale. Consensus on the board was to move forward with MAPC given the uncertainty of the success of the lease process.
 - b. RFP for Tree cutting - no update. With no sale there was no immediate need to get an estimate for cutting down trees.
 - c. RFP for Mowing- no update. With no sale there was no immediate need to get an estimate for mowing
 - d. Repairs to structures - Sarah Seaward distributed a list of immediate and necessary repairs to the envelopes of the structures (excluding the house). Matthew Nordhaus will relay the list to the Town Administrator to begin the process of finding a contractor to do the repairs.
 - e. House - The group agreed that there was no purpose in attempting to rehab the house given the uncertainty of the disposition of the orchard
5. Code of Conduct
 - a. Matthew Nordhaus presented the Working Group with a sample Code of Conduct. The group agreed to review the code and return at the next meeting to vote.
6. Next Meeting
 - a. No date certain was set for the next meeting
7. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn was made by Matthew and seconded by Karen
 - b. Motion passed 5-0 and Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm