

Minutes from the Winthrop Field Committee meeting of January 16, 2021 via Zoom, 9 AM

Present: Chair Mike Chapman, Gar Morse, Mike Carvalho, Jim Moroney, Tony Leggett and Sue Thorne

Absent: Matt Brzezinski, and Consultant, Ben Rossi

Mike called the meeting to order and 9:50. Minutes from the November 21, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Tree work: Jim, Sue and Mike attended the BoS tree removal hearing regarding four trees, one of which was along Jersey Lane. After much discussion, the BoS voted to leave the tree in question. There was a lot of confusion as to who had requested its removal, the actual condition of the tree, and ultimately, it was decided to simply keep an eye on it. If we continue to have concerns about the tree, we may decide to go to the DPW in the spring and request some work be done.

Spread Sheet 2019—2020 and 2021 to date (attached with minutes): Overall we are in good shape. Some budget set asides have been determined not to be needed. The wellhead at the pond is holding and not likely needing any work, cattail situation is under control. No second cut in the field. Bills from Dash Drains are still under review. Cicoria Tree has not yet billed for its work. Mike will work with the Town Accountant to create the RFP for the field mowing. Drain clearing and repair costs are less than expected. There are still issues behind Mike and Matt's homes. Given difficult field conditions, it has been hard to get equipment in to make determinations. Ben will reach out to Dash Drains to see if they can get a camera on site to try to locate drain lines.

Not on agenda: Brief discussion about what is going on with changes at the Old Corner Inn. Two brush piles will be picked up in the spring by the DPW—George Nickless has made quite a dent in the piles taking good wood for his fires!!  
Thanks, George!!

Next meeting: February 20, 2021 at 9 am via Zoom. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Thorne

Spreadsheet attached.

