**OEC Meeting Minutes/Staff Report**

**August 10, 2020**

Present: Monica Carey, Dick Unruh, Rhonda Claridge, Tyler Schultz

Outdoor meeting for social distancing

**Agenda:**

1. Begin discussion of revised OEC mission statement (10 min)
2. Begin discussion of open space/land bank categorization & prioritization of town-owned lots (30 min)
3. Updates from town staff (10 min)

**Action Items:**

1. Draft resolution/ord language to categorize lots - land bank, town-owned buildable, open space (town--owned non-buildable). to remove open space "zone" from LUC, to change the out of date LUC zoning map. To be reviewed next OEC and then shared with P&Z. (Monica)

**Topics goals for meetings September 14 and October 12, 2020**

* Replace OEC mission in charter, ordinance? to accommodate retirement of Three Mile Plan concept and documents, inclusion of auspice for weed management program
* Review of draft resolutions and/or ordinances (for abandoning use of "open space") to introduce concept and creation of preserves from town-owned non-buildable, formalize use of land bank (% town-owned buildable for preservation acquisition purposes), public utility (% town-owned buildable designated as such by P&Z), town-owned future use (% town-owned buildable designated as such by P&Z)
* Review of draft Master Plan (October)

**Meeting notes**

1. Reviewed a cobbled map of hazard zones and ownership to reveal some 43 building sites town-owned, contiguous properties town-owned non-buildable as preserves.
2. Discussion about Ferguson SUP request for land in moderate avalanche zone. Review of cobbled map indicates that including recent Sloan SUP for same, there are approx 12 homes (grandfathered) in the moderate zone: Drew, Basham, Wheels, Shell, Kostis, Skousen, Combs, McGough, Kennedy, Passmore, Kuhnly, Cain. There are some 6 sites not owned by town and without structures in the moderate zone. All of these counts need to verified from other the cobbled map. Unable to reach consensus on any recommendation to town. The following thoughts:
3. Town Attorney said Sloan approval was not precedence for others and would not hold up in court.
4. SUP is time-consuming for town staff and GA. Consider lifting SUP on moderate AV zone and require only letter of indemnification for remaining small finite number of sites (7?).
5. SUP process is not or should not be to improve holdings for resale profits, only to approve creation of structure.
6. Managing SUP process for a requestor should not be the job of any town-staff member and time should be charged to owner if it occurs.

**Relevant Notes from Staff 8/4/2020**

* Corinne Mayor reports there has been no further contact w USFS regarding Swamp Project , removal of New Dominion cabin, or gate repair/installation along Ophir Pass.
* Bee Happy will be back week of Aug 17. (Note this year, this is about 2 weeks later than preferable given invasive progression)
* Corinne Mayor reports no further contact re Outstanding Waters

**Immediate Goals with Probable Timeline:**

1. ~~Conduct survey (Nov) DONE~~
2. ~~Finalize a resolution template, to be used for open space projecLets, inclusive of development/maintenance/restoration/financing plans (Dec)~~
3. ~~Bike trail hearing (Feb 10)~~
4. ~~Review bike trail proposal against recognized surveys, ordinances, LUC, Master Plan (Mar 9)~~
5. ~~Prepare bike trail recommendation for presentation to February GA (Mar 9).~~
6. ~~Contribute to P&Z effort of drafting master plan re open space language (Jan - April)~~
7. ~~Review planting of approx 40 free trees planned for open space (Jan - April )~~
8. ~~Review town reseeding/management plan for plow-damaged areas (Jan - April)~~
9. ~~Review funding of USFS Ophir Pass area gates/repair from open space funds (May)~~
10. ~~Review broadband infrastructure installation for alignment to Open Space LUC (TBD)~~
11. ~~Review water plant installation for alignment to Open Space LUC (TBD)~~
12. Inventory and recommend categorization/prioritization of town-owned lots and landbank lots (open space)
13. Review existing parks and potential parks for alignment to Park District ordinance 94-10 and to recognized surveys, ordinances, LUC, Master Plan (TBD)
14. Discuss recommendation for town-owned lots in Spring Gulch to become a park.
15. ~~Horses in Ophir Valley (TBD)~~
16. ~~Discuss cleanup of Eagle cabin and at Henri's due to town complaints rec'd by Ken.~~
17. Revisit OEC charter, origination ordinance in light of Three Mile Plan relevance.