**TOWN OF ENFIELD**

**METHODIST HILL PROPERTY USE COMMITTEE**

**(MPUC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**October 17th, 2023**

**MPUC in Attendance:** Susan Brown, Thomas Claus, Barbara Jones

**MPUC Members Absent:** Jason Archambeault, Ryan Little

**Ex Officio Members in Attendance:** Kevin Marker, Recreation Director & Ed Morris, Town Manager

**Ex Officio Members Absent:** N/A

**Town Staff in Attendance:** N/A

Called to order at 5:30 PM

**BUSINESS**

David Fract, Lindsey Smith – Master Plan Task Force

David: Recreation is important in the town. MP states that recreation is a major priority. 30-40% of the town is conserved land. Hiking trails, availability for hunters, mountain biking. Consideration should be considered if it has contiguous trails to the property. Keeping developed areas clustered and keeping unbroken forest. During the master planning process, it was also expressed to develop where it is right and responsible. This means maintaining the visual landscape with open spaces especially along hilltops and other prominent visual areas.

Lindsey: Should focus on recreation, but also take into consideration to develop when we can to expand tax base. Preserve rural character. By keeping the green and blue spaces we have.

Matt Young, Emily Curtis, and Amy Stewart – Recreation Commission

Emily: If developed proper channels are taken to make sure it doesn’t affect surrounding land. Would like to make sure it benefits the town. If we can use some of the land for stormwater management that would help benefit the Town.

Matt: Taking the 75% of non-development to develop trails and use for recreation the 25% they could be developed and the proceeds used to build the trails and other amenities.

Amy: agreed with what Emily and Matt said about land just would like to see recreation keep growing in the town of Enfield.

Group consensus is if land that is developable to sell that land and use profits, if possible, to develop the recreation on land. If that cannot happen, then sell the land and use the money for recreation, like fixing up other recreational parks.

Jim Kelleher:

The area does have a shortage of buildable land. The land that could be developed is on the road side which would be suitable for building. Thinks the land would sell if subdivided. Thinks the land could be sold and help develop the tax base.

Follow up with Ed Morris, Town Manager what is the statute of limitations on property with selling property and money going back to previous owner. Jim Kelleher thought it was only 3 years.

Public Comments:

Jerry These: Thought that a forester and wetland scientist should investigate property before anything is decided.

September 19th Minutes, Susan Brown motions to approved minutes and Thomas Clause 2nd Minutes.

October 3rd Minutes, Barbra Johnson motions to approve and Thomas Clause 2nd the motion.

Barbra Jonson motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm