

Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee
APPROVED Minutes of June 20, 2013 special meeting
(rescheduled from June 18)

Members present: Jim Morrow (chair), Vicky Wetherell, Quentin Kessel, Jennifer Kaufman (staff).

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35.
2. Vicky was appointed acting secretary.
3. Minutes of the May 22, 2013 special meeting were approved.

Old Business

4. *Mansfield Tomorrow* Committee members reviewed the Mansfield Today draft document, specifically the Agriculture and Open Space information. Recommendations for changes and additions will be forwarded to Town staff.

5. *Executive Session* The committee voted to go into executive session at 8:24, and voted to come out of executive session at 8:32. Recommendations will be forwarded to the Town Manager.

6. *Conservation Easement Review* The committee discussed two properties where new landowners are not able to manage conservation easement areas for invasive control or agricultural activities because of restrictions in a Town conservation easement on the property. The committee voted to recommend that the Town

- 1) consider amendments for existing conservation easements so they are less restrictive and
- 2) consider developing conservation easement language that is better suited to potential uses of conservation easement areas in subdivisions, etc.
- 3) establish a review of proposed conservation easement restrictions by the Open Space Preservation Committee and the Agriculture Committee.

7) *Interstate Reliability Project* The committee reviewed the draft plan and had no comments.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.