

**Junction Village Open Space  
Task Force**  
Meeting Minutes  
Feb 25, 2021  
Online Zoom Video Session

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Members present: Harry Bartlett, Christa Collins, Sue Felshin

Members absent: Robert Hartman (due to technical difficulties)

Visitors: Carlene Hempel, community member awaiting appointment by the Select Board to the task force; Peter Lowitt, liaison from the Concord Housing Development Corporation (CHDC); Marcia Rasmussen, Director of Planning and Land Management for the Town of Concord; Elizabeth Rust, Director, Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO)

The meeting began at 5 p.m.

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Administrative business:

This was the inaugural meeting for the Junction Village Open Space Task Force, a group of five community members appointed by the Select Board. The meeting opened with members introducing themselves and with Elizabeth “Liz” Rust explaining her role with the committee and the scope of work.

The committee discussed organizing a site visit – date to be determined – of the 5.5-6.5 acres of open space included within 12.8 acres of land along Commonwealth Avenue and behind MCI-Concord that will be the future site of an 83-unit affordable assisted living facility. Liz also spoke about the need to create a “baseline report” for the project that will include photographs as well as information related to the various vegetation and habitats on the property.

On a motion made by Sue Felshin and seconded by Christa Collins, the committee unanimously nominated Carlene Hempel to chair the task force. Sue Felshin was unanimously nominated to serve as clerk.

Marcia noted that it would be a good idea to announce the task force’s creation to various interested constituent groups including the Historical Commission, the West Concord Advisory Committee, the West Concord Business Community group, the West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee, the librarians at Fowler Library and Delia Kaye, director of Natural Resources for the Town of Concord. Carlene agreed to draft a letter of introduction to send out.

The next schedule meeting will take place at 5 p.m. on March 25 on the Town’s Zoom channel.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Hempel