

August 27, 2015

Fellow RTM_Members,

At the April 13, 2015 RTM meeting, the RTM took the following action:

“Joan E. Caldwell, Chairman of District 10, made a motion on behalf of the district to postpone Item 14, the 2015 Open Space Plan, to the September meeting for the purpose of allowing other Standing Committees such as Education, Parks & Recreation and Public Works, that have oversight of Town property to determine if the Plan or any action taken under it might have a long term, negative impact or reduce the Town’s options.” The motion was carried upon a voice vote. (RTM April Minutes)

An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of RTM members appointed by the chairs of Land Use, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Education committees. Committee members were Carol Zarrilli, Philip Dodson, Donald Hamilton, Stephen Meskers, Paul Settlemeyer and Peter Berg. The committee was tasked to review the 2015 Open Space Plan and to report its findings back to their respective standing committees prior to September RTM meeting.

Committee members met six times from May through August at Town Hall. Members of the committee conducted independent research between meetings. The committee submitted questions and interviewed Town employees from the Assessor’s Office, Law Department, Planning & Zoning, and Conservation as well as representatives of the Conservation Commission, Board of Estimate & Taxation, and the Greenwich Land Trust.

The Committee unanimously adopted a report that will be posted on the RTM website (RTM.Greenwich.org).

The Conservation Commission has withdrawn the Plan from the September Call. It plans to review questions raised by RTM members and others over the next several months to determine what revisions, if any, need to be made and how best to proceed with the plan.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Berg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter E. Berg, Chair, RTM Open Space Plan Review Committee