

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 16, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Hatfield, Andrew Magee, Jane Ceraso, Karen O'Neill, Peter Ashton, Ruth Martin

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

Andy Magee opened the meeting approximately 7:40 AM

1. Future membership on the committee was discussed – noting that currently we now have 2 Selectmen represented. It was suggested that Andy remain on the committee as the Selectman representative, Peter remain as a member at large, and a Cons Com member be recruited.

ACTION: Andy will talk to the ConsCom on Jan. 4th about a representative.

2. Karen reported Dr. Donald had mentioned to Susan Mitchell-Hardt that she needed a survey for tax purposes.

ACTION: Karen will call Mary and make sure she understands that what she needs for her previous donation is an appraisal. She will also talk to her about her remaining parcel and the offer we have made.

3. Karen reported that the Whitcomb land purchase by ACT has been delayed because of the ACT desire for title insurance and the resulting title search.
4. Andy reported that he is expected to make a presentation to the CPC about the Open Space Committee request for the "set aside funds".

ACTION: Andy will inform us when this meeting will take place.

5. Bob Guba has made a written request to the committee about a parcel on Martin Street that may be a potential town canoe landing.

ACTION: Peter will review the site and talk to Bob.

6. Peter Ashton reported the Landscape Heritage application has been approved.
7. Policy discussion: Andy raised the question: "Should the OSC weigh in on the various parcel transactions in town." There are often discussions with developers about conservation restrictions during the negotiations with Planning and Conscom. As advisors to the various town boards and a sub-committee of the ConsCom, we agreed there may be opportunities for the Open Space Committee to advise and assist. We can help prepare a CR, for example.

It was also agreed that we should manage a list of CR's and easements on parcels that are in process.

ACTION: Karen will draft a document and present at next meeting for review.

8. Dick proposed that the OSC start working on putting CR's on the town conservation land.

ACTION: He will assemble a list for discussion at a future meeting.

9. Tom reminded us that is won't be long until the Open Space and Recreation Plan will need to be updated. And Peter suggested (and we all agreed) that the process should start again with a survey.

10. Next meeting Friday, Jan. 20, 2006, Town Hall, 7:30 AM

11. Minutes from November and Sept meetings were approved. Meeting adjourned