

Acton Open Space Committee

January 22, 2010 (edits from Jane C and Terry M, OK'd by Andy M)

Attending: Dick Hatfield, Andy Magee, Peter Ashton, Karen O'Neill, Charlie Carlson, Jeff Clymer, Mike Gowing, Terry Maitland,

Tom Tidman, Mike Gowing, Susan Mitchell Hardt, Christa Collins, and Susan Crane

Peter Ashton opened the meeting at 7:30 AM

December 2009 minutes – Motion to approve.

7:35 – Motion was made to open EXECUTIVE Session – Move was made to invite the SVT and ACT parties to participate.

Roll Call vote: All in favor of Executive session to discuss the new notice from Doug Muir regarding taking the ch. 61 land out of Ch. 61.

COMMITTEE meeting re-opened at 8:05

1. CPC – Peter Ashton reviewed his CPC presentation which was well accepted by the committee. Both the request for set-aside funds and the \$25K fund for appraisals were both presented.

The CPC asked for a policy that notes how the money would be spent. They were generally in favor of the set aside funds.

Susan MH – The CPC wants everything clear about how the fund is spent. Peter passed around a draft. Everyone should review it and make comments.

OSC Reviewed the policy that Peter drafted....looks ok. Peter will deliver it to CPC

2. OSC was served with an information request for the comprehensive community plan from the Planning Department. They will do it with volunteers. It dovetails with the Open Space with recreation plan. Peter noted that we can use this process as the impetus to get the Open Space and Recreation Plan finished. Peter and Andy will get back together to look at plan and see what they can do.

ACTION: Andy will drop the information into the Planning format.

Mike Gowing noted there is a new 40 B on edge of Stow – most of it in Stow. – 3 units in Acton. Interesting price difference between the units in Acton vs. Stow. The high value of Acton schools was demonstrated in the pricing.

ACTION: Karen will call to find out about the land for sale on Main St. Looks like it abuts the water town.

Meeting closed at 8:35 AM