

Minutes from November 6, 2015 Open Space Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM

In attendance were Andy Magee, Jeff Clymer, Peter Ashton, Terry Maitland, Franny Osman, Dick Hatfield, and a number of visitors.

The first topic of discussion was the amount of the request that the Open Space Committee (OSC) would make to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). The CPC application is due on November 16, 2015. Last year, the OSC requested \$400,000 and got \$300,000 plus the amount due on prior bonding for OSC projects. The actual bond financing has not yet occurred.

Before voting on the amount of the request, the \$25,000 administrative fund for appraisals and other administrative expenses was discussed. This fund has been used to finance appraisals for Stonefield Farm, Piper Lane, Summer St. and the Donohoe property. Peter Ashton made a motion to request \$450,000 plus a replenishment of the administrative fund to get back to \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Jeff Clymer and approved unanimously. This would result in approximately \$2 M in the set aside.

Other Items covered at meeting:

- **Harris Street** – Recreation Department and Cemetery Department equipment would move to the current Massachusetts Department of Fish & Wildlife building. Acton will trade municipal property for the State of Massachusetts property. Although this is essentially a housekeeping item as it was originally approved at the prior Town Meeting, a resolution was needed to get approval for this at the Fall Special Town Meeting (STM).
- **Donahoe Parcel** – This is Article 13 at STM. The Town will buy 3.5 acres of wet meadow for \$28,000.
- **Articles 11 and 12** - Were put on STM warrant in case the land deals (Magoon and Central Street) were further along and could be pursued at STM. These will be passed over.
- **Magoon** – Back property was previously appraised at \$50,000. Property in front of Magoon with School Street frontage was acquired by a developer. The appraisal for the back property with access is \$310,000, based on an assumed 40B development.
- **176 Central Street** – This previously came to the Open Space Committee and was not recommended due to spread between appraisal and \$255,000 Madden asking price. Current cost to acquire is \$500,000 for the 11 acres. This is the amount proposed by the developer to cover cost for the property and permitting.
- **Stonefield Farm** – Joint funded appraisal (Acton Conservation Trust and OSC) but no update was available
- **Choate parcel** – No update.
- **Lazzaro Property** – No update.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM.