



Open Space Committee – Approved Minutes

Feb 15th, 2008

Attending, Tom Tidman, Dick Hatfield, Susan Mitchell Hardt, Peter Ashton, Andy Magee, Ruth Martin, Charlie Carlson, Karen O'Neill, Jane Ceraso

Mill Dam pieces – Town (Tom) was approached about a year ago about several parcels for sale by realtor, (found on page E3 parcels include #102, 1002). Conservation only sale – assessed value is 136K. Andy had some discussion with the owner about town purchasing the property. Group discussed the pros and cons of purchase. A price on par with the Whitcomb land price was agreed to be fair and Andy was encouraged to go back to the owners.

Acton Conservation Trust president, Susan Mitchell Hardt approached one of the several priority landowners in South Acton (School St). She has about 5 acres of backland abutting Great Hill (and a neighbor has about 6 acres). These parcels are high priority for the town. Susan and Peter will try to arrange a meeting to talk about options with the owners.

The landowner for a key parcel of ~39 acres (Newtown Rd) has had an appraisal done. There are various options the OSC hopes he will consider – including selling the development rights for all of the land (or even part of it) Andy will arrange to have Charlie meet the new town manager and meet the landowner to discuss these options.

Prison lands – Andy got a call from Pam Resor's offices. The recreational lease on this land has popped out for a Senate vote. Article 97 vote might be right behind it. Andy will keep committee up to date.

Susan, Karen and Christa (from Sudbury Valley Trustees) will be meeting with one of two priority landowners in South Acton on a parcel near Jones fields. We will discuss conservation options and her current appraisal.

Open Space data input – help is needed. ACTION: Peter will drop off forms.

Next meeting: Friday, March 7th ~ 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM, Town hall