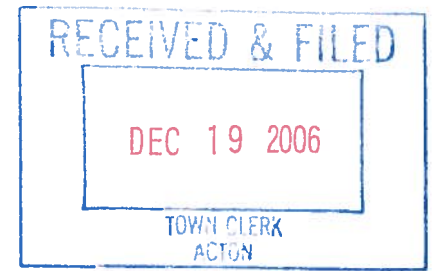


Acton Open Space Committee meeting

November 17, 2006

Final



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

Meeting opened at 7:35

Minutes of Nov. 3 were reviewed and approved.

1. **Update on CPA proposals.** Andy Magee reported 13 proposals were being reviewed by the CPC. Including the \$450,000 from the OSC to set aside funds for open space. The Groener proposal will be included within this, if it proceeds. Another open space – related proposal is the dam removal and land along River Street (submitted by the Board of Health). A total of \$1,250,000 is currently set aside for open space. The CPS has scheduled interviews – OSC will be on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Groener** – draft proposal is being managed by the town manager.
3. **CR project:** Tom Tidman reported that the Engineering department has detailed records on each parcel of conservation land purchased by the town. Charlie will circulate a recommended process for reviewing the current state of protection for all conservation land in town. Tom also noted that the Middlesex Registry of Deeds has deeds available to view on-line: (see <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/secsrch.htm>)
4. **Landowners/ Conservation Restrictions:**
  - Kingman- the Selectmen recommended there be some recognition to land owners who voluntarily contribute conservation restrictions. It was suggested that it be announced at the start of town meeting, and photo and note be included in the Town Report. ACTION: Peter will draft some suggested language. Note: The CR will be sent to the state EOE Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Haartz CR – still in process.
  - Belle Choate has submitted a notification of her ~2acre parcel being converted from chapter 61 to a house lot. Tom will send this to the group to review.
  - Susan reported she is continuing to work with Mr. Moritz to explore conservation options. Property values have not been reviewed since 1992 so best options for conservation are still not clear. She and Jane will meet again with Mr. Moritz.
5. Peter reported that he was reviewing (at a citizen's request) a municipal fiscal analysis template for reviewing the cost of development vs. the cost savings of open space. Peter will continue to review it and will report back in January. ACTION.
6. **Next meeting:** Next OSC will be **December 15<sup>th</sup>** (NOT Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> as stated earlier).

Meeting will begin at 7:30 AM, Friday morning.

Pam Resor will join us (Dick will invite her) at 8AM .

Meeting closed at 8:45

(approved Dec. 15, 2006)