

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
July 15, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Hatfield, Andrew Magee, Karen O'Neill, Ruth Martin

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

Clerk: Karen O'Neill

7:35 AM Andy Magee opened the meeting

1. All were reminded to swear in with Town Clerk.
2. Minutes reviewed from June meeting and approved with one change, see final minutes.  
Action item: Karen O'Neill will submit minutes to town clerk and the library.
3. Update on Rt. 2 land auction: There were 5 bidders and Haartz won the bid. The closing will be late August. They still hope to put a CR on some of the land. (Outstanding action from previous meeting: It was noted that the auction process does not allow the town enough time to respond and Peter will draft a letter to Rep. Eldridge. OSC will review at next meeting.)
4. We discussed the best way of working with the press and agreed that all calls should be directed to the Chair.
5. Whitcomb: Karen O'Neill noted that ACT was prepared to purchase the land for conservation for up to \$20K. A meeting with Peter Whitcomb was attended by Tom Tidman and Karen on July 6<sup>th</sup>. A purchase price of \$20,000 was agreed upon and Peter will begin the process of getting the deed in order.
6. Acton Day – it was recommended that ACT should consider having a table in order to fundraise for the Whitcomb land. (September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005)
7. Donald: Karen noted that the Acton Conservation Trust (ACT) had voted to approve up to \$2000 to help Dr. Donald pay for a wetlands specialist to flag her property. Letter was sent and Dr. Donald called Tom to follow-up. She has contacted Oxbow Associates to do the wetlands flagging. NOTE: she will need an option in place by Sept-Oct.
8. Note: Proposal deadline to the CPA is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> for spring town meeting projects.
9. CPC has asked the OSC to write a formal proposal for setting aside funds for open space purposes.
10. Next meeting: FRIDAY, SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 IN TOWN HALL

Meeting adjourned at 8:205AM