

**Acton Open Space Committee (OSC)  
December 3, 2010- Public Session**

Attending: Dick Hatfield, Peter Ashton, Charlie Carlson, Jeff Clymer, Jane Ceraso,  
Andy Magee, Terry Maitland

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Staff and visitors: Tom Tidman, Susan Mitchell Hardt,

Peter Ashton opened the meeting at 7:30 AM

**Minutes-** The 11/5 OSC meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**CPA Funding-** Peter noted the upcoming OSC presentation to the CPC on 12/9 and noted the support of Selectmen and the town for open space and is optimistic about the prospect for substantial CPC funding.

**12 Summer Street-** Peter noted that the owner may offer a portion of the property to the town after it is subdivided. Karen O'Neill and Susan Mitchell Hardt will represent the OSC in the dialogue with the owner.

**Quail Ridge-** Peter reported that he had met with others to explore a possible effort to jointly fund the town's acquisition of the property but it does not look promising. The auction of the property has been delayed and it is unclear whether the Selectmen will pursue the property.

**South Acton Parcel-** There is a parcel abutting the end of the rail trail at the South Acton rail line which also abuts an entry to the Caouette land. The property contains a small house and land. A CPC application was considered for the property but the OSC did not make a decision on this question.

**West Acton Parcel-** The OSC discussed the status of this large parcel which has been on the priority list and has been the subject of prior discussions between OSC representatives and the owner. Since the land is in Chapter 61A, the town will get an opportunity to purchase it if the owner pursues a sale to a third party. OSC members noted that an abutting parcel to the primary parcel also could be included in the acquisition under the right circumstances.

**Fish and Wildlife Office/Harris Street-** Tom Tidman reported that he is in discussions with F&G officials regarding a land swap. The goal would be to use the former F&G office for offices for the Natural Resources staff.

**Jamie Eldridge's Green Advisory Committee-** Jane Ceraso agreed to serve as the OSC's representative to this committee.

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2011

Motion to adjourn. 8:35