

**Acton Open Space Committee (OSC)
February 4, 2011- Public Session**

Attending: Dick Hatfield, Charlie Carlson, Jeff Clymer, Andy Magee, Terry Maitland, Karen O'Neill. Staff and visitors: Tom Tidman, Susan Mitchell Hardt,

Andy Magee chaired the meeting in Peter Ashton's absence. Andy opened the meeting at 7:30 AM

Minutes- The 12/3/10 and 1/7/11 OSC meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Caouette/Simeone CR Committee- The OSC has been asked to appoint a representative to this committee. The committee will draft a CR for the Caouette property. Karen O'Neill volunteered to serve as the OSC's representative and her appointment was approved unanimously.

CPA Funding- The OSC has requested a \$500,000 set aside for open space acquisitions. There are more requests for funding this year than there are dollars available. Decisions on CPC funding are pending.

Milldam Properties- The committee discussed the owner's new offer of these small parcels of land to the town for an aggregate price of \$25,000. For the most part, these parcels have no development potential. Committee members discussed the possible advantages of acquiring these properties for general municipal purposes rather than with CPA funds, noting that the use of CPA funds would generate additional expenses as both survey and conservations restrictions would be required if purchased with CPA funds. The committee voted to recommend to the Selectmen that the town purchase the properties for general municipal purposes and agreed that Peter Ashton should talk with one of the Selectmen about this possible transaction.

12 Summer Street- The committee reviewed the current status of discussions with the owner regarding this property and whether the OSC should support acquisition of the property at the owner's requested price. Development of the property would require significant engineering and permitting. The committee concluded that the owner's price is too high and the owner would be better off exploring other options .

Additional Parcel Abutting Caouette Land- Terry mentioned to the committee that he will investigate whether this parcel could be purchased with funding from various sources.

Priority Parcels- The committee noted that the work of the priority parcels subgroup is continuing.

NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2011

Motion to adjourn. 8:38