

**Acton Open Space Committee (OSC)
May 6, 2011- Public Session**

Attending: Peter Ashton, Dick Hatfield, Charlie Carlson, Jeff Clymer, Andy Magee, Terry Maitland, Karen O'Neill, Jane Ceraso.

Staff and visitors: Susan Mitchell Hardt, Mike Gowing, David Clough, Laura Mattei of Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT).

Peter opened the meeting at 7:30 AM

Minutes- The 3/4/11 and 4/1/11 OSC meeting minutes were approved unanimously, with Terry abstaining.

Town Meeting- Peter reported that Town Meeting approved a \$450k set aside for open space acquisition and the sale of Piper Lane at a price less than FMV.

982 Main Street- Peter reported that the Butterbrook Farm property (11 acres in Acton) is for sale. Several OSC members expressed interest in joining Tom Tidman for a site walk.

Caouette-Simeone Property- Terry asked whether he should recuse himself from the discussion and was told that given the topic, recusal was unnecessary. Thereafter, the OSC discussed public and neighborhood input to the Committee that is developing the conservation restriction on this property. The OSC also discussed the alternative parking lot proposals for rail trail access. The Sudbury Valley Trustees will hold the CR. SVT also will provide the CR baseline information for a price to be developed.

Groener Property CR- The OSC was informed that the CR is in nearly final form.

Process For CRs- Susan proposed that the OSC outsource preparation of CRs to SVT, with the cost to be paid out of OSC funds. She also proposed that SVT provide the baseline documentation for the CRs on the Gaebel, Caouette and Groener properties. Lauren from SVT provided details and agreed to submit a proposal for these services to the OSC.

Town Manager/Board of Selectmen (BOS) Issues-

12 Summer Street- Peter reported that he has delivered to the BOS a letter with the OSC's input on this property and the BOS now must decide whether to proceed with acquisition of this property.

Milldam Trust Properties- Peter reported that he has met with the Town Manager regarding the possible acquisition of some or all of these small parcels.

North Acton Properties (B5- 12 and 13)- Peter reported that the Town Manager has not responded yet to the owner's proposal to give these small parcels to the town.

MAPC- Jeff reported that MAPC has funds available for land acquisition and Tom Tidman has had discussions with MAPC regarding parcels to be recommended based on the MAPC's priorities.

Motion to adjourn. 8:35

NEXT MEETING: June 3, 2011