

Acton Open Space Committee (OSC)
December 2, 2011- Public Session

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

Peter opened the meeting at 7:31 AM

Minutes- The November 4, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

CPA Presentation- Peter reported that he would make the OSC's presentation to the CPC next week.

Gaebel CR- The committee discussed the status of the conservation restriction that has been drafted for this parcel and the need to finalize this documentation, particularly with respect to the boundaries of the CR.

Town Action Issues- The committee noted that CRs are still under development for the Groener and Caouette properties and require action by the town. Peter noted that the Board of Selectmen has decided to decline the opportunity to purchase the Milldam parcels at the stated price. Peter also reported that the town is still studying the Gustin property in North Acton. In light of the number of CRs that now exist on town properties and the likelihood of future CRs that will need monitoring, the committee recommended that the town hire a CR agent on a part-time basis. Karen agreed to draft a description of work for the CR agent.

35 Main Street- The committee discussed whether to pursue the acquisition of this 4 acre parcel. Although first reactions from committee members were not favorable, the committee did not make a decision and instead asked Tom Tidman to investigate further.

Large Parcels Acquisition- Peter reported that the Town Manager has met with the owner of a large parcel on Main Street and may seek permission to perform an appraisal of the property.

Motion to adjourn. 8:26

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2012