

Acton Open Space minutes – April 3, 2009
Approved May, 1, 2009.

Attending: Dick Hatfield, Andy Magee, Peter Ashton, Karen O'Neill, Ruth Martin, Jane Ceraso

Tom Tidman, Susan Mitchell-Hardt

Meeting opened at 7:35 AM

Motion was made, seconded and all voted to approve minutes of March 6th

1. Anderson: Letter was sent to landowner from the committee (Peter Ashton) after the last OSC meeting. There was no direct response to the town, but Susan Mitchell Hardt reported that she spoke to the landowner, he did get the letter, and might be willing to talk to OSC members if Susan Mitchell Hardt was involved.

Action: Susan Mitchell Hardt will set up a meeting with landowner, herself, and Peter Ashton.

2. Current CPC for open space is \$1.4 million. In the event of a land purchase, Andy Magee asked the group to consider exploring borrowing funds from the CPC so we do not draw down the total cash.
3. Piper Lane property: Andy Magee reported there is no new news.
4. Stonefield property: Andy Magee and Susan Mitchell Hardt met with Katie Gellenbeck from Sudbury Valley Trustees and Jon Cosco (Acton Conservation Trust lawyer). Strategies were discussed for the various properties – there may be many options for protection.

ACTION: Andy Magee will follow up with Katie Gellenbeck regarding Doug Muir.

5. WR Grace settlement: Andy Magee asked the group to consider the CR that is being proposed as part of the Grace settlement. The committee had many questions: will there be public access, what would happen if we did not accept a CR, would the cost of administering and getting the CR be part of the deal? The land proposed is 16 acres. The committee agreed that we support getting a CR and open space. There are benefits in this case, to getting a CR vs. actually owning the land.

Meeting closed at 8:30.

NEXT Meeting: Friday May 1, at 7:30 AM