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ACTON**Open Space Committee Minutes 11-8-13**

Attendees: Andy Magee, Peter Ashton, Jane Ceraso, Dave Cough, Tom Tidman, Jeff Clymer, Charlie Carlson, Terry Maitland, Fran Portante, Franny Osman, Matt Mostoller, Joe Will, Jude Aronson, Martha Rounds

Jane Ceraso kept minutes  
Meeting opened at 7:32

Anderson Land

Peter Ashton: Will call Mr. Anderson regarding back land and access to it. Jeff Clymer: If PCRC is chosen for the land, the town will most likely require access to back land as part of that process.

Milldam: Town has agreed to take the parcels for open space. Peter A.: According to the Open Space Plan, one of the parcels is rated very high.

OSC Minutes: We are backlogged on approved minutes because the email list remains incomplete. There are two locations where minutes are posted and the corresponding sets of minutes don't match up and are incomplete. Andy will follow up on this.

CPC Application: Peter A. working on Open Space set-aside application. At this point, no apparent other large projects coming in for CPC funding. Dave reported that one large CPC project (Windsor Building) has been taken off the list.

Wright Hill Parcel, CPA application: Franny Osman, Wright Hill Association (WHA): CPA application has been completed for this land purchase. Asking for 1.25 M. for land, 1.8 M. total value with house. Franny asked if any money WHA might make on the sale of the house could be donated back to the CPC's set aside funds. Jude said that WHA hopes to leverage the sale by getting some contributory funds from other groups, but no group is in sight at this point. WHA is leveraging the land sale by paying for the carrying costs of the house and parcel. Expenses so far are 28K.

Peter A.: might want to consider bonding at least part of the purchase. Andy M.: next step is to bring this to CPC, who will be informally reviewing projects in late November. Andy says he supports the purchase due to its open space and historical value. Peter: would like to limit the purchase price to the value of the town's appraisal, gave kudos to WHA for all their work on this project and for putting forth a model for open space preservation. Group voiced some concerns that we preserve \$ in the Open Space set-aside to be able to react to future priority purchases. Terry M. said that WHA project is a good model for other groups in town, and he is in favor of the purchase. Jane C. in favor and said that parcel could be a real resource to schools ( Acton Long-Ago curriculum). Charlie C. warned about town dialog regarding any profit that might come to WHA as part of the transaction, but in support of the project. Dave C. suggested WHA get on Historical Commission agenda and get their support. *OSC voted unanimously to support the purchase of the parcel.*

CPC application needs to reflect that it is coming from OSC, revisions needed to application. Proposal needs advocate from committee to carry it forward, Committee nominated Andy M. to do this. By Sunday PM Andy will redraft the proposal.

Next Meeting: Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 8:38.