

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 17, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Hatfield, Andrew Magee, Jane Ceraso, Karen O'Neill, Peter Ashton, , Charlie Carlson, Ruth Martin

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

Meeting started at 7:31 AM

1. Andy opened the meeting with a review of past action items. Karen was reminded that she needed to draft a proposed CR. (note: sent to OSC for review on 3/22/060)
2. Andy – status on the BF RailTrail: There will be a trail clearing on March 25th, Saturday. ACTION: Andy will talk to Town Manager about getting the RFP out.
3. Andy provided an update on the CPC work.. The committee will recommend to Town Meeting the OSC proposal to set aside 400K for open space. Charlie asked if the town can use the aggregate 900K to service a debt in order to purchase land for conservation. Action: Charlie will research this.

Review of land parcels:

4. Whitcomb land has been purchased by the Acton Conservation Trust with their own funds.
5. Canoe landing site on Martin St. Peter Ashton had checked the site and decided not to pursue. However, it was agreed that the Land Stewards should be consulted. ACTION: Tom will ask the LS committee to consider this opportunity.
6. Groener parcel: Re-consider a potential offer to pay (with CPA funds) back taxes in exchange for conservation status . ACTION: Peter will explore this.
7. Anderson: ACTION: Karen will call her son.
8. 162 Powder Mill – What is the status of the CR here? ACTION: Andy will research.
9. Town meeting will be April 3rd. OSC supports the Haartz zoning amendment. Andy will speak on our behalf and will coordinate with Lauren and the Planning Board. In addition, we discussed if we needed to take a position on the River St. ½ acre gift to the town. It was determined that it was outside our mission to take a position.
10. ACTION: Andy, Peter, Charlie and Tom volunteered to go back to the parcel list and see if there are land locked, appropriate parcels to target for CPA funds.
11. NOTED and ADDED by Jane - There is an upcoming March 30 Landscape Heritage Inventory Program Meeting. ACTION: Tom Tidman and Jane will meet to discuss parcels to be brought up for consideration as historic open spaces under this program.

Next meeting – April 28, 2006, 7:30 AM, Town Hall