

Open Space Committee  
Minutes 1/25/13

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2013

TOWN CLERK, ACTON

**Present:** Peter Ashton, Dick Hatfield, Terry Maitland, Jane Ceraso, Andy Magee, Selectman liaison Dave Clough and guest, Susan Mitchell-Hardt.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 AM by Andy Magee. Peter Ashton moved to approve the 1/10/13 minutes and Dick Hatfield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CPC update: Peter Ashton reported that there have been requests for funding that exceed available funds.

Quail Ridge CR: The Conservation Commission had many questions that need to be answered. Tom Arnold and Jim Colman met with Town Planner, Roland Bartl to review the draft.

There was a discussion about moving CR's forward; the difficulties of completing CR's and the response time from town counsel – Groener is an example of the frustration.

Next step: Peter Ashton explained that the committee needs to propose this to the town manager. Funding for CR management could come from CPA or be added to the general fund. Jane Ceraso suggested maybe it could be tied to the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Groener, Gabel, Caouette (2 CR's), North Acton (Marsh) lands are all in various stages of completion.

Peter Ashton suggested the committee write a letter to the BOS expressing concern about the very slow speed at which CR's move forward. Andy Magee will draft the letter and Peter will review it.

Executive Session: Terry Maitland moved and Dick Hatfield seconded the motion to go into executive session with Selectman Dave Clough and Susan Mitchell-Hardt invited to attend and participate. The motion passed unanimously by role call vote.

**COMMITTEE LEFT REGULAR MEETING AT 7:45 AM**

**Executive Session.**

Return to the regular meeting: 8:35 AM

Andy reminded the group that the next meeting will be February 8 and will focus on strategies for town meeting. Peter Ashton will continue communications with Ernie Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Submitted by Tom Tidman