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Open Space Committee

Minutes for Meeting on February 12, 2008

Approved March 11, 2008

Attendees: Justine Kent-Uritam (Chairman), Jerry Arnold, Jane Brace, Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Amey Moot, David Patterson, Will Schulz, Catherine Friend White

Absent: Jim Fleming, Beedee Ladd, Phil Trotter, Kathy Weld

Justine opened the meeting at the Town House at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes from the January 15, 2008 meeting were approved.

2008-2009 Open Space Plan: Justine reported that Gino Carlucci had given a verbal price estimate of \$5000 for the update of the Open Space Plan. All thought this sounded high. It was agreed that there needs to be further investigation into how much work will actually be needed. Amey provided a number of copies of the previous plan on disks. This is the MS Word document and does not include the maps.

Justine is finalizing the proposed warrant article, requesting a total of \$7500 for the updating of the Master Plan and other OSC projects.

Trustees of Reservations ("TTOR") parking lot: Justine reported that Steve Sloan of TTOR told her that Miss Peabody provided an easement on property on the north side of Powisset street that went with the land on the south side that she sold to Joe Giovangelo. This easement is in the area of the recently proposed TTOR parking lot. TTOR is considering four alternatives: first, negotiate something with Joe Giovangelo; second, move the parking lot east, nearer Hale Reservation; third, propose a parking lot on Walpole Street; fourth, negotiate an enlargement of the existing parking lot on Dedham Street with the Park and Recreation Commission.

Forest Management Plan, Center Street Corridor: Will Schulz reported that Conservation Commission has shelved the existing Forestry Management Plan prepared by Phil Benjamin in 2003. Various alternatives will be considered over the next six months, including the possibility of managing different parcels differently.

Open Space Zoning Proposal: Henry Faulkner reported that the Planning Board is finalizing the language. There are three main changes from the proposal brought to the 2007 Town Meeting. First, use of the bylaw will be voluntary by the developer. Second, there is a minimum lot size of one acre, which will limit the applicability to the two acre zone except in cases of parcels that have a lot of land that is difficult to develop. Third, the language has been simplified considerably. The current draft will be distributed to Town Boards, including this Committee, and placed on the Town website, on the week of February 18, and the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 2. NOTE I

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GAVE THE WRONG DATE, MARCH 10, AT THE MEETING. Justine urged members to attend this meeting.

97 Walpole Street trail easement: Justine reported that Beedee Ladd had urged her to try to get the Open Space Committee members to attend the upcoming Planning Board hearing, that has resulted from the appeal by Jonathan Fryer of the subdivision approval, and to urge the Planning Board to support having a trail following the access road that was cut illegally by the current owner, in order to connect Rocky Woods to Powisset Farm. Will Schulz reported again that this route will not be allowed by the Conservation Commission due to proximity to wetlands, including vernal pools. Henry Faulkner reported that this route also passes close to the proposed sites for new houses in the subdivision. It was unclear what advantage this route has over the previously discussed trail route following the existing Dover Land Conservation Trust easement on the southern edge of the property. Will Schulz and Jane Brace urged the Open Space Committee to do nothing which might in any way impede the re-approval of the subdivision, including advocating this new trail route through the property. The reason is that the subdivision is much more desirable than the alternative being considered for the property. A motion to that effect was made and seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor. Henry Faulkner reported that the tentative date for the Planning Board hearing is now February 20. After the meeting, Henry Faulkner learned that this date has been confirmed.

Caryl Park, New Playing Fields(Park and Rec): Dave passed out a plan showing the new fields, and described them. The Committee requested that Dave try to obtain a plan that showed the new fields and the old fields superimposed, including a delineation of where tree clearing would occur. Dave will try to get that.

Septic/Water Educational Pamphlets: Catherine passed out septic education pamphlets from the Neponset Watershed Association and the state of Georgia. Jane Brace urged that a new pamphlet for Dover include a description of how a septic system works, because many people new to the Town are completely unfamiliar with septic systems. Catherine was encouraged to continue and to contact the Board of Health to see if they would be willing to participate.

Winter Walk: Jerry has tried to contact Phil, but he has been away on vacation.

Upcoming Open Space Committee meetings are scheduled for March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10.

Justine adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Faulkner, Rotating Clerk