

**Open Space Committee
Minutes
May 13, 2008**

Attendance: Members: Justine Kent-Uritam, Chair, Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Beedee Ladd, David Patteson, Will Schulz, Catherine White. **Others:** Kathy Weld.
Absent: Jane Brace, Jim Fleming, Amey Moot, and Phil Trotter.

Justine began the meeting at 7:30 PM.

I. Discussion of the Open Space Bylaw at Town Meeting

The group discussed the factors that led to the defeat of the open space bylaw, primarily the fact that proponents did not seem to spear head an effort to get their supporters to attend Town Meeting which had a low turnout. Also, the Moderator had instituted rules that limited meaningful debate on the article.

II. Discussion of the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) Proposal of March 13, 2008

There appear to be two issues: (1) Narrow issue – land stewardship, including forest management, can be fleshed out in the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. Also needed id clarification as to which municipal entity owns/controls which public parcel. (2)Broad issue- while there are procedures in place for changes in land use where municipal monies are required, there appear to be no such procedures where private funding is used. Catherine volunteered to meet with the LRPC to discuss this matter further at their next meeting on June 5.

III. Updated Open Space Plan

Justine reported that Town Meeting approved OSC's request for \$5,000. Henry volunteered to discuss the possible hiring of Gino Carlucci, the Town Planner, as a consultant to the OSC to update our Open Space and Recreation Plan.

IV. Crittenden Property

Beedee would like to research the possibility of the town's acquiring the Crittenden land off Strawberry Hill Street. She ill refer the matter to Will who will bring the matter before the ConCom at its next meeting.

V. Future Meetings

The June 10 meeting was cancelled. After a summer recess, the OSC will meet again in the fall. Justine thanked Dave Patterson of the Park and Rec Commission for his years of service to the OSC as well as Kathy Weld who is retiring from the Board of Selectmen.

Justine adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justine Kent-Uritam, Rotating Clerk