

Open Space Committee

Minutes

October 21, 2008 – Town House

Attendance: Members: Justine Kent-Uritam, Chair, Henry Faulker, Paul Angelico, Boynton Glidden, Catherine White, Amey Moot, Beedee Ladd, Jane Brace, Peter Davies (Park and Rec temporary). **Others:** Carol Lisbon, Wayne Beitler (TTOR).

Partnership with TTOR and DLCT re Conservation Letter: Wayne Beitler, TTOR, discussed and received committee approval for draft of letter to be sent jointly from TTOR and DLCT to owners of critical properties without conservation protection. He also asked assistance in identifying critical lands.

Justine began the meeting at 7:30pm

Jane volunteered as Rotating Clerk for the meeting.

A motion to approve May 13, 2008 Minutes made by Catherine and seconded by Boynton passed unanimously.

Election of Chairman: Beedee's move to reinstate Justine as Chairman of the Open Space Committee for the 2008-2009 was approved unanimously.

New Members: Four members have yet to be appointed to Open Space by the Selectmen for the 2008-2009 term including representatives from Long Range Planning and Park and Rec. Peter Davies will serve temporarily as Park and Rec Liaison. Several suggestions were made to fill the vacancies.

Meeting Night: Following a brief discussion it was agreed that meetings would be held the "first Tuesday of the month" – Nov 11, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2.

Authorization to Hire Consultant to Update Open Space Plan:

Consultant – Designation of Henry to present a "request for proposal" to update of the Open Space and Recreation Plans for completion by April 1, 2009 to Gino Carlucci.

A motion to designate Henry for this task was made by Paul and seconded by Catherine passed unanimously.

Forest Management Plan: Boynton suggested that there was very little marketable lumber in Dover concluding that natural management would be preferable to harvesting.

Homework for Open Space Committee: Review memos from Long Range Planning Committee re authorization by Selectmen of OSC to work with all relevant organizations that are custodians of open space in Dover.

Projects Being Monitored

TTOR Parking Lot on Powissett Street: Steve Sloan, TTOR, will meet with Park and Rec to discuss the parking lot at Caryl Park which, among other issues, is considered dangerous for young children, particularly in spring when there are so many sporting activities. Amey will represent the OSC at the Nov 5 meeting.

Crittenden Land, Strawberry Hill: In conversations with Sara Molyneaux, Beedee determined that this land (now owned by an abutter) is important for watershed protection.

Hale Reservation: Beedee reported that Hale is doing well and the Capital Campaign is close to meeting its goals. Unfortunately The United Way has a new policy that writes off camping which affects 9 Hale camps. They are working to involve the families of the kids who participate in the programs.

Mill Farm: Henry reported that the owner of Mill Farm has no current plan to vacate the property.

Boston College Conference Center: Amey reported that a plan is well underway creating a path to allow continuation of the Bay Circuit Trail bypassing the Boston College Center.

Justine adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Brace, Rotating Clerk