Open Space Committee (OSC)

Minutes for Meeting on January 6, 2009

Attendees: Justine Kent-Uritam (Chairman), Paul Angelico, Sierra Bright, Henry Faulkner, Carol Lisbon (non-voting liaison from the Selectmen), Rich Oasis, Catherine White, Jane Brace, Boynton Glidden, Amey Moot, Eamon O’Marah, and guest Andy Thompson.
Absent: Beedee Ladd,

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

1. Committee Membership

   Justine introduced new member Eamon O’Marah.
   Beedee Ladd would like to resign. Andy Thompson is considering joining the committee.

2. Approval of Minutes

   The minutes from the October 21, 2008 and December 2, 2008 were approved.

3. Town Report

   Justine had submitted a draft of the OSC contribution to to the Town Report. The Committee made some edits and finalized it.

4. May 15, 2008 letter from the Selectmen Recommending a Change to the Committee’s Charge

   Carol Lisbon gave a synopsis of what the Selectmen were recommending. The OSC will develop management policies and strategies for monitoring and maintaining open space. The plan will include gathering input from other relevant Town boards and soliciting public input before major changes of open space are put into effect. We discussed the importance of communication and the need to improve information-sharing between town committees and citizens. The OSC voted to assume the charge of the Selectmen.

5. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

   We reviewed non-taxable lands and noted many on the map titled Dover Walking Land.

6: February meeting

   We will meet at the Town House on February 3rd. Members will compile a list of 10 properties they would prefer to see restricted from among those listed on Table 11, which begins on page v-12 in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The OSC members will bring their list and their copy of The Plan to the meeting for group discussion.

Respectively submitted,
Catherine Friend White, Rotating Clerk
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