

## **Open Space Committee**

### **Minutes for Meeting on June 7, 2011**

Attendees: Justine Kent-Uritam (Chairman), Jane Brace, Henry Faulkner, Boynton Glidden, Candace McCann, Amey Moot, Rich Oasis, Christophe Oliver, Andy Thompson, Catherine Friend White, Jerry Arnold (Long Range Planning Committee)

Absent: Sierra Bright, Carol Lisbon (Selectmen)

Justine opened the meeting in the Fireside Room at the Town House at 7:34 p.m.

The minutes from the May 3, 2011 meeting were edited and approved.

#### **Conservation Properties Map**

Boynton passed around a map of Conservation Properties made for the Conservation Commission by George Giunta, their agent. It is quite similar to maps made for the OSC by Ross Whistler.

#### **Upcoming OSC Walk in Wylde Woods**

Scheduled for June 9 at 10:30 am. Jerry reported that the marking of the main trails will be completed in time for the walk. Two walks are planned, one short one for small children, and one longer one. Jerry and Amey will lead the longer walk and appoint someone to lead the shorter one at the time. Amey reported on her efforts to publicize the walk in local media.

#### **Wet Spots on Wylde Woods Trails**

Candace reported that she had shown the photos provided by Amey to the Conservation Commission. The Commission was enthusiastic about doing whatever is necessary to provide some sort of bridging across these areas. A difficulty is that the full extent of the wet areas is only clear when there has been a lot of recent rain.

#### **Local Walk Schedule**

Amey passed out a few copies of a schedule she prepared, and she will email it to the members. It shows a schedule of many walks, with details through the end of the year, given by Broadmoor, Hale, TTOR and the OSC, in Dover and vicinity.

#### **Noanet Parking Lot on Powisset Street**

Amey reported that TTOR had walked the most recent proposed site with people from Hale Reservation and found the lot was too far from the street for acceptable surveillance. The previous site requires a lot of earth moving and retaining walls to avoid the well easement owned by an abutter. A possibility is

to build a smaller lot there and hope that something can be worked out with the well easement owner to enlarge the lot in the future, based on good experience with the smaller lot. Several members voiced the view that TTOR has moved very slowly on this and needs to be prodded.

### **Additional Playing Fields at Caryl Park**

Rich reviewed the current status, and the long process and hard work to get to this point. The current concept is called the Caryl Park Athletic Recreation Complex and will require a total of \$3.5 million to complete. This will include several new fields, parking, perimeter walking trails, and nice landscaping. Private fund raising has started, with the hope that all or most of the funding will come from that source. It is planned that user fees will fund the replacement of the artificial turf when it wears out. Within the attendees a wide range of views was represented and there was a frank discussion. While the potential users are enthusiastic, some non-users feel a lack of control over what may happen on town property. There was a discussion of the use of town property to accommodate a privately funded recreation facility and there was a suggestion that this activity was becoming more of a business than a town recreation activity. There was also discussion of whether a town meeting vote would be a good idea, even if it is not legally required.

### **Hale Reservation**

Catherine reported that Hale is doing well and funding is adequate.

### **Bay Colony Rail Trail**

Justine reported that a group, including Carol Lisbon and a person from the Metropolitan Planning Organization, walked the from the center of town almost to Medfield on the trail on June 6, and found it so overgrown that it is becoming difficult to walk.

### **Porter Land**

Justine reported that the family requested LandVest to take it off the market and they have.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Henry Faulkner, rotating clerk