

Cape Elizabeth Future Open Space Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes June 27, 2012 **DRAFT**

Members present: John Greene (Chairman), Wayne Brooking (Acting Secretary), Richard Bauman, Carol Anne Jordan, Caitlin Jordan, Frank Governali, Craig Cooper, Bo Norris, Chris Franklin, Maureen O'Meara (Staff Representative) Absent: Jessica Sullivan

Call to order: Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Public comment period: No members of the public were present.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, after a minor correction the minutes were approved unanimously. (Motion by Mr. Governali, second by Mr. Bauman).

Public Opinion Survey: Mary Ellen Fitzgerald gave a presentation detailing the results of the public opinion survey , which promoted several questions and comments from committee members.—a conversation was held ref to the sense that while only 13% of the town is legally protected as open space there is a perception by some respondents that there is up to 50% protected, and how to educate residents should the Town decided to have a bond campaign towards preserving open space.—The committee also recognized Jessica's e-mail that she had sent to the committee with her thoughts about the survey results.

Growth Areas: Maureen gave a review about Growth areas in town, including a definition of growth areas. (A growth area is an area where the town recognized the fact that development is going to happen, and will be proactive in guiding that development to areas of the town that are best suited in absorbing that growth.)—Mr. Governali asked if we could talk about the consequences of shrinking the amount of growth areas. The answer was that you would decrease the amount of mandatory open space provided by zoning ordinance.—on the flip side if you had

more growth areas, the property owners would lose maximum flexibility on what they could do with their property.— The committee discussed ways to seek outside information about the growth areas or even if getting that outside information is a good idea, and if the growth areas in Cape Elizabeth are adequate— An announcement will be placed in the *Cape Courier*.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2012

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:02PM after a motion by Carol Anne Jordan, seconded by Caitlin Jordan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne A Brooking Jr.