

## **Open Space Management Committee Minutes June 8, 2010**

Attendance: Marti Blair, Dick Bauman, Mike Duddy, John Planinsek, Jessica Sullivan

Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

In the absence of the regular Conservation Commission Secretary, Ms. O'Meara was asked to prepare the minutes.

1. Acting Chair John Planinsek asked if there were any citizens who wanted to speak. None were attending. There was also no correspondence to review.
2. The committee reviewed preparations for the public forum scheduled for June 16, 2010. The committee reviewed the draft agenda for the meeting and discussed arrangements for taking minutes of the forum. Dick Bauman noted that the MORC committee held a public forum and could have benefited from having a secretary prepare minutes of the forum. He would support Ms. O'Meara's offer to have the ACP Office Manager attend the forum and prepare minutes. The committee generally agreed.

It was agreed that a clipboard would be used to generate an attendance list.

The committee discussed televising the forum. Mrs. Sullivan noted that there had been audio problems at a similar forum; therefore she would not support televising it. Mr. Duddy noted that residents do watch the public access channel and meetings are replayed. Televising would advance the goal of enhancing public knowledge about the Conservation Commission and town open space. The committee agreed to request that the forum be televised, if personnel were available.

Mr. Duddy recommended that a copy of the agenda be available to all attendees, with a copy of the committee authorization on the reverse side. All attendees will have a maximum of 3 minutes per person to comment if attendance is heavy.

Regarding the public comment period, Mr. Bauman noted that some of the issues in the Open Space Management Plan are significant to the public at large and some are not. Perhaps we should include 2-4 sentences listing some of the significant items the public is expected to be interested

in to stimulate comments, such as potential/existing use conflicts. The committee agreed that the public comment period would be preceded with a list of examples including: dogs, mountain bikes, encroachments and hunting. Mr. Duddy would provide the examples.

The committee would also highlight the significant open space owned by the Town. Ms. Blair volunteered to present that information. Ms. O'Meara will print a new map for the meeting. The committee also agreed to provide attendees with stickers to indicate which OS management plan issues were the highest priorities.

Mr. Bauman asked if town easements would be included in the management plan. Mr. Duddy stated that he thought the committee had agreed to include all land and easements in review, but may not recommend management for some areas where we hold an easement which may already be managed for open space. Mr. Bauman supported focusing on land where the town had legal rights.

3. Public Participation Plan. The committee reviewed the revised public participation plan for the committee. Mr. Duddy made a motion to adopt the plan and Mr. Bauman seconded. The plan was adopted by a vote of 5-0.
4. The next meeting of the committee, after the June 16th public forum, will be held on July 13th, starting at 8:00 p.m. after the regular Conservation Commission meeting. At that meeting, the committee will review the results of the forum.
5. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner