

Open Space Management Committee Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2011

Present: Dena DeSena, Zach Matzkin, Dick Bauman, John Planinsek, Garvan Donegan, Marti Blair, Jessica Sullivan, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Minutes of May 10, 2011 were revised and unanimously approved.
3. Citizens comments. None.
4. Correspondence. Letter from Marilyn Kristiansen, May 19, 2011 providing information on lack of public access to Alewife Cove.
5. Review of format for Public Forum on May 26. It was decided that we will televise the meeting. Maureen is making wall maps to hang in the Chambers. Our article is on the front page of the website, in the Courier, the Sentry, the Forecaster. Notices were mailed to abutters and to snowmobilers. Anne Hewes who lives on Mitchell Road called with a comment about which properties are included. Maureen made a beautiful map with the Properties List on the back, which will be available as a take-home. The draft was posted on-line on Friday, there will be a couple of copies available for review.

If there are a lot of people there who want to speak, we will try to limit comments to 3 minutes, and ask people to let everyone have a turn before speaking twice.

Welcome and Introductions: Dena. Introduce the Commissioners and then go around the room and ask audience members to introduce themselves and give their address.

Council Charge/Purpose and Vision: Dena

Open space overview/connectivity: Maureen will talk about the maps, the Land Trust properties.

Activity/Facility chart: Marti

Policies/Trail Conditions: Dick will talk about vegetation

Signage/Hours of Operation: John Planinsek will stress that evening hours are for quiet enjoyment

Encroachments: Jessica will describe what they are and what the procedure is when we find an encroachment, why it's important

Damage/Rubbish, etc.: Zach

Hunting/Fishing/Trapping and Horses/Pets: Jessica

Motorized Vehicles, Fires, Alcohol, Gatherings, Closure: Garvan

At 8:00 we will open it up to Public Comments. There will be a floating microphone, managed by John Planinsek. If there's a really hard question or a new idea, we can say we will look into it.

Next Steps: Dena will describe our process for revising the draft on June 14 and submitting it to the Town Council by the end of June.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Public forum on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting June 14.