

DRAFT Open Space Management Committee Minutes

July 12, 2011

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

1. Meeting called to order at 8:30 p.m.
2. Citizen Comments. None.
3. Minutes of June 14, 2011 were reviewed and unanimously approved.
4. Correspondence. June 14 Letter from Town Manager regarding naming of some of the parcels. He wants to protect the ability of the Town Council to sell land, and thinks that naming a parcel Park or Preserve may limit that ability.

Maureen changed sections on page 28 and 29 regarding Naming Conventions. There is also a new executive summary on page 5.

The word preserve or park may be appropriate in the case of restricted parcels, but not tax-acquired parcels. Those words do convey a sense of the use or character of the property. Identifying them by tax numbers does not give any information and is not user friendly.

5. We requested and received an extension for the submission of our plan until September 30.
6. There was extensive discussion regarding the designation of parcels as Park, Preserve, Woods, Trails and whether that is critical to our plan.

Motion: To request the Town Planner to rename the parcels to remove the words Park, Preserve or Woods but retain the basic descriptive designation. To keep the naming convention text in the Plan document. To keep the concept of categories like Park, Preserve, Woods, but establish numerical designations instead of names. Passed; 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

7. Next meeting: September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.