

Open Space Committee Minutes - October 9, 2007 Draft

Attendees

Mike Mokrzycki, Don Bourquard, Patricia Reeser, Annie Madden, Jean Lambert, Dawne Fusco

Approve Minutes

The committee approved minutes of September 20, 2007.

Committee Membership

We are still short one associate member because of Jim Ryan's resignation. Several names have been suggested as possible interested community members. We will continue to contact and confirm interest and refer these people to the Board of Selectmen for consideration for appointment.

Three year term proposal

The committee discussed the Board of Selectmen's recommendation to have the OSC members be appointed for staggered three year terms. We unanimously voted to support this bylaw change. Chairman Mokrzycki will notify the Board of Selectmen.

Trail Grants

We discussed that trail grants become available from time to time, and though we have no current project ready for a grant, that we will keep this in mind for future grant rounds.

Cortland Lane

After last months discussion of the landscaping that had been done on a public right of way at the head of Cortland Lane, Chair Mokrzycki wrote to the Board of Selectman regarding our concerns that the right of way be maintained. The Chair will contact the Board of Selectman to inquire about the disposition of this issue.

Indian Hill

The status of the project was reviewed. The town has not yet heard from the State regarding the Self Help Grant, and thus various back up scenarios were discussed in a preliminary fashion. The upcoming Indian Hill site walk event was reviewed, Sunday October 14, 12 -2. Annie to bring cider, apples and cider donuts, and historical documentation. Ed Becker will be bringing Greenbelt maps and ECGA information. Deb Hamilton, Annie, Judy Mizner and Cindy Bourquard will lead walks. Patricia and others are to make phone calls to encourage attendance at the event. An OSC meeting will be posted for 7pm on the night of town meeting, Oct.22, 2007, in the event that late breaking news requires our response or recommendation. Preparation for Town Meeting was discussed.

Winter coverage for Chair duties

Mike's work relating to the upcoming political primaries will make it difficult for him to be present in November, December, January and February. We discussed not having a December meeting, and having Chair duties covered by Jean for January 9, and Patricia for February 13. Mike thinks he will likely be available for November – Annie offered to assist if that turns out not to be the case.

Landowner Outreach Letter

This has been drafted by Annie and circulated. Members are invited to comment. Jean suggested that we may want to hand deliver these along with the booklet "Land Preservation Options" in order to facilitate contact and relationships. We will target delivery sometime in early 2008.

Stewardship

Stewardship will be the focus of the November meeting.

Next Meetings

November 14, possibly December 12, January 9 and February 13

Adjourned

The committee voted to adjourn at 9:20 pm.