

*West Newbury Open Space Committee*  
**MINUTES**  
Wednesday, August 1, 2007

Present: Mike Mokrzycki, Patricia Reeser, Annie Madden, Jean Lambert

The meeting began at 7:50 P.M

1. **Indian Hill Update:** Patricia Reeser gave an informal update on the progress of the Indian Hill project.
2. **Town Meeting Preparation:** The Committee discussed the need to start to plan an approach for Fall Town Meeting re Indian Hill in September. Highlighted were the needs to support Greenbelt, to emphasize the educational piece, and to contact various Town Boards including the ConCom, Parks and Rec, the Planning Board, and FinCom. Contacting the Page School PTO was also suggested. Jean Lambert suggested publicity about Indian Hill could be presented at the Apple Harvest race in early October. Annie Madden listed a number of advantages for the Town if it acquired Indian Hill.
3. **Walker Letter:** Annie Madden led a discussion of next steps in the Walker situation. Jean Lambert agreed to add to the letter - referencing the linkage between the Flying W Farm and Indian Hill, the Flying W's value to West Newbury's open space heritage, and the possibility of discussing trails through this property.
4. **Other Business**
  - a. Mike Mokrzycki announced the next OSC meeting would be the second Wednesday of September (9/12) and that all OSC meetings until the end of the year had been posted for the second Wednesday of the month.
  - b. As a result of the discussion about the Walker letter, the Committee decided to send similar letters to other owners of priority parcels along with a copy of one of the 40 books we recently purchased.
  - c. The Committee decided to focus on a review of the priority parcels and on land management at the September meeting.
  - d. The Committee discussed how to approach the upcoming updating of the Open Space Plan in 2008. Several Committee members who had written the original Plan did not believe the process would be as difficult this time around.
  - e. Annie Madden suggested thanking Tracy Blais, Town Finance Director, for helping with the Indian Hill project. This would include thanking her for her work on a self-help grant, her work on the project, her membership on the project team, and her development of West Newbury's Commonwealth Capital Score.
  - f. The Committee discussed the possibility of the need for a new member and names of several people were suggested.
  - g. Annie Madden reported that the current possibility of resolving the dog issue at Mill Pond by a "Residents Only" policy was in violation of the public access provision of the area's conservation restriction. She also raised the

question of how the OSC should inform those who suggested this policy that it was in violation of the CR and that there were many other ways to control dogs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.