

Minutes of Open Space Committee February 26, 2007

Present: Mike Mokrzycki (chair); Don Bourqard; Annie Madden; Dawn Fusco; Jean Lambert; Janet Thibeau; Patricia Reeser

Chair announced Mass. Land Trust Conference 3/28/07 and noted many of the topics to be discussed are germane to the Committee's projects for the upcoming year.

Noted: Board of Selectmen working on Master Plan for Town owned buildings.

PR to forward the Board's latest revisions to the CPA Bylaw to the Committee for comment.

Essex County Greenbelt will attend our meeting on 3/14/07 to discuss Indian Hill Farm. Selectmen have been invited. MM to check availability of the Board to attend.

Kevin Fadden of Hawthorne Partners attended to show OSC the plans his company will submit for over 55 housing on the Daley Property and Murphy Property. Sixty six units, with 2-3 units per building are contemplated. An Open Space Development is sought, so 10% of the units will be affordable. Market price will be in the mid \$400,000 range. The development will include a 2000 square foot clubhouse which will overlook the pond at the front of the property on Main Street. There will be only one access road to the Development. Hawthorne has applied for a pre-application with the Planning Board.

Fadden asked for Committee to indicate interest, if any, on trails over or through the Development. DB outlined in broad strokes where trails would be optimum, connecting Main St., Meetinghouse Hill Rd, Town owned land and rectory property on Maple Street while preserving an existing Myopia trail over the Murphy Property.

DB reported that an application for an Essex County Heritage Grant to help fund a bridge over the Indian River is a complicated matter that could not be completed timely.

Adjourned 9:15pm