

Open Space Minutes, 7-20-2006

Attendees

Anne Madden (chair)
Don Bourquard

Patricia Reeser
Mike Mokrzycki

Jean Lambert (alternate)

Topics covered

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Minutes of 7/6/06

The committee approved the minutes of the 7/6/06 meeting.

Committee organization

Annie Madden moved that Patricia Reeser and Mike Mokrzycki be committee co-chairs for the next year, starting with the next meeting. Don Bourquard seconded. Approved unanimously.

Patricia will be the primary point of communication contact for now, until after Mike is cleared of work obligations related to the November elections.

Annie will write to the Board of Selectmen to advise them about the succession and to confirm that reappointment letters are correct for all committee members (at least one full member received a letter stating that the appointment was to an associate membership).

New member review

West Newbury resident James Ryan attended the meeting and expressed interest in filling the committee's opening for associate member. Ryan discussed his experience and interests and committee members described various OSC initiatives. The committee then voted unanimously to recommend that the BOS appoint Ryan as an associate member.

Parker Farm

The committee initially reviewed an offer from Margot Parker of 117 Main Street to sell part of her farm property to the town. It was noted that the property has open space attributes including roadside views and long views from the hilltop and is contiguous to existing open space. Also it is adjacent to Craven property eyed by the Workforce Housing Trust for possible starter homes.

Annie will work with Tracy Blais to organize a site walk.

BOS meeting

The committee discussed plans to meet with the Board of Selectmen to review open space issues, but the timing of this meeting was uncertain.

902 Main St.

The committee discussed a proposed subdivision plan and assessed trail easement possibilities. Don will continue to monitor as the Planning Board reviews the project.

Upcoming meetings

The committee now plans to hold its monthly meetings the second Wednesday of every month rather than the first meeting. The next regularly scheduled OSC meeting is Sept. 13.