Open Space Minutes, 6/15/04

Attendees

Anne Madden Dawne Fusco
Patricia Reeser Don Bourquard
Mike Mokrzycki

Janet Thibeau Jean Lambert

Topics covered

- Apartment parking lot site walk
- Knowles plan
- Next meeting

Apartment parking lot site walk

We would like to thank Gary Bill for staking the parking lot area. The staking helped clearly identify the location of the parking lot in relation to the apartment building and the rest of the area.

The members of the Open Space Committee all feel that the green lawn in front of the Page School is a small but important green open space that is integral to the landscape of the Dr. John C. Page School. The Pipestave Hill Land Use Study recommended preservation of this space if possible. After considering several alternatives, and taking into consideration the needs of the residents of the apartment building and the highway department, the Committee supports the general plan put forth by Gary Bill and the Apartment Building Committee.

The committee met with the following people to view and discuss the staked parking lot area:

Dick Cushing	Gary Bill	Carol Cena
Bob Janes	Nancy Myers	Robin Shively
Brian Conn	Ed M.	

Based on that discussion, we all supported the location of the parking lot and the specifications listed below.

- 60X40' parking lot located on the east side of the apartment lot, providing parking for 6 cars, including 2 handicapped spots. The parking lot may be moved a few feet closer to the apartment building from where the stakes place it.
- A black, chain link fence to border the parking lot on the north side to separate it from the green space.
- A black, chain link fence to border the road used by the Highway department to separate it from the green space.

• Viburnam or other low maintenance, fast growing hedge to be planted on the Page side of the fences. According to Dick Cushing, there is funding available in the Selectman's Tree Fund for this project.

Next steps:

- Janet to present this plan to Liz Perry.
- OSC to track progress of work as needed.

Knowles plan

The OSC reviewed the Knowles plan for an OSPD. The committee in general was very supportive of the plan.

Next steps:

Annie to write to Planning Board with our questions regarding the plan.

Next meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30.