

Open Space Committee Minutes

June 27, 2012

Attending: Jennifer Germain, Jean Lambert, Felicity Beech, Steve Greason, Patricia Reeser, Don Bourquard, Dawne Fusco, Jason Spaulding

Jason Goldweber attended as an interested observer.

Our new Chairman Steve Greason opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

1. Minutes

Meeting minutes from May will be reviewed at the next meeting as they were unavailable.

2. Committees

The following committees for the 2012-2013 year are as follows:

Education and Outreach

Jean Lambert
Jennifer Germain

Trails

Don Bourquard	Felicity Beech	Jason Goldweber (Volunteer)
Steve Greason	Jason Spaulding	
Barry LaCroix	Jennifer Germain	

Land Trust

Dawne Fusco
Patricia Reeser
Jean Lambert

3. Update on Daley/Page East Lot

The Board of Selectmen is waiting for an appraisal on the 18.6 acre lot. Jennifer Germain will call Bill Daley about setting up a site walk. She will also coordinate with Kris Pyle to notify the Board of Selectmen if they would like to join us on a site walk.

4. Potential Projects

Steve had a request from a resident as to whether he could lock a kayak to a tree near the Way-to-the-River entrance to the Riverbend Trail. The recommendation from the OSC was to have the resident contact the ConCom as they manage the Riverbend area.

There was discussion about trying to gain access to and make more waterfront areas accessible to the town's people.

Rivermeadow Park - A suggestion was made to possibly put up a small sign indicating that there is a town owned piece of conservation property there along the Merrimac River.

Ferry Landing Area- There was discussion about researching development of this state- owned land along the river as a site for a dock at the end of Church Street. It was mentioned that it would be great to see if there were possible state funds available and to build a dock and have it coincide with the opening of the newly refurbished Rocks Village bridge in 2013.

Bennett Easement- Discussion centered around marking a new trail and posting a sign to access the town-owned land along the Upper Artichoke Reservoir. The access is off Middle Street. It was decided to revisit this topic in the fall.

Moulton Street Indian Hill Reservoir- Discussion focused on marking and having the town mow an area so that people can enjoy the vista over the reservoir. The building of a simple bench was mentioned. Steve will speak to the Board of Selectman and Gary Bill.

5. Cena Easement

There was continued discussion on the lack of movement from the Cenas on agreeing how to go forward with the easement which is legally on their property. Presently the access is blocked by their private gate.

6. Riverbend West

Heartfelt thanks were given to Steve Greason for his hard work on starting and completing the Riverbend West trail.

7. Boardwalk at Ocean Meadow

The boardwalk/bridge design was presented to the ConCom and approved. Work is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks by ECTA.

8. Goals

Public Awareness - Jean Lambert spoke with the library about doing another display of our open space town trails. The start date is July 11 and the exhibit will run into early September. The name of the exhibit will be: "Summer Places – Open Spaces."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Germain