

## **February 16, 2011 Minutes Open Space Committee**

Attending: Barry LaCroix, Jennifer Germain, Jean Lambert, Felicity Beech, Steve Greason, Patricia Reeser, Don Bourquard and Dawne Fusco

Scribe: Jennifer Germain

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

1. Greg Pope from the Parks and Rec. Committee gave a report on their plans to proceed with trying to get CPC Funds to purchase the Daly property. The two appraisals were in; one was for \$850K and the other for \$1million. Greg said that there was an offer on the table from someone else to purchase the property for \$1.5 million but that Bill Daly was offering it to the Town for \$1.2 million. Parks and Rec are approaching the CPC fund for \$1.7 million, \$1.2 for the land, and \$500K for the road and first phase. They hope the first phase would include road, utilities, tennis courts and trails. They are looking for \$300-\$400K directly from the CPC Funds and then use a certain other amount as an income stream to secure a bond. It was stated that the Legion Building is not a part of the deal.
2. A discussion was held about the moon rise event being chaired by Jennifer Germain. It was established that Glenn Kemper was donating hot chocolate; Steve and Jennifer are responsible for the fire and whether the event will happen due to weather. Jennifer was contacting ECTA to email a flyer and Barry was contacting Greenbelt for the same. Jennifer would contact Gary Bill about helping with the wood for the fire. Jennifer would put up a large sign at the entrance to Pipestave on Friday.
3. There was a lengthy discussion about easements. They included discussion about identifying, marking and maintaining the easements that the ConCom and Town own. The existing subcommittee (Don, Felicity and Steve) was asked to meet with the ConCom to request authorization to mark the existing easement on Bailey's Lane,

establish a date for the marking and clarify the guidelines of ConCom and ECTA for future marking and improvement of the trails.

It was noted that the Selectmen agreed to act as arbitrators between the grantor and grantee of the easement on Coffin Street. It was also noted that going forward there should be a model in place (written protocol) for when easements are given to the Town, ConCom or ECTA.

4. There was discussion about the 61A process and Barry asked to be a part of the process for when a property comes out of 61A. i.e. the Sullivan Property.

The Sforza property was discussed as it has been divided into 5 lots. It was mentioned that National Heritage came in and said certain parcels will have granite markers with endangered species signs etched in them. ConCom wrote that restriction into the deed.

5. Steve discussed maps and trails. The discussion included getting property parcels drawn on the ECTA maps. Merrimack Valley Planning Commission will not share property line information with ECTA. It was brought up that possibly Greenbelt has the ability to do this. Don will contact Greenbelt to see if this is possible.
6. Jennifer recused herself as Barry provided an update on the Walker and Sullivan properties.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.