

West Newbury Open Space Committee
MINUTES

(Amended 1-18- 2012)

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Present: Jean Lambert - Acting Chair, Don Bourquard, Dawne Fusco, Jennifer Germain, Steve Greason, and Patricia Reeser.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M.

1. **Minutes** -The September minutes were accepted as amended.

2. **Sullivan Property**

After some discussion, Jean moved that the Committee ask the selectmen to move forward with looking into the purchase of all, or a portion, of this property. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Germain. We will also let the selectmen know that we will be available to them and the Planning Board for any help with the appraisal. This passed 5-0. This decision was conveyed to the selectmen in writing by Patricia at that point in the meeting.

3. **Sforza Property**

After a brief discussion about this property, Jennifer made a motion that we notify the selectmen that we not pursue the option of purchasing this property. The motion was seconded by Don and passed 5-0.

4. **Trail Day**

It was agreed that Trail Day had been even more successful than last year. Jennifer informally polled people who were on the hike and all enjoyed this event. Few on the walk had known of this area and all seemed pleased that it is now user friendly. Jean will call Felicity about a follow-up piece in the newspaper.

The top of the trail has now been named Crow Hill. This was done during the marking. It is the highest point in Groveland and these trails now connect.

This is yet another trail system that we have completed and opened to the town. Maps for this trail are on the web site as well as comments from some who attended the walk.

Steve brought up the point that somehow we need to get the school age kids involved. Groveland has nature hikes for 3rd and 4th grades. Jennifer will call

Patty Marsh to see if there is someone we can work with on this. Don will contact the Bagnall School.

5. Discussion of Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles

We talked about the following articles on the warrant for fall town meeting:

- a. **Request for CPA money by All Saints Episcopal Church** - We have no stand on this as a committee.
- b. **Daly Property** - Because of the price, we will take no stand here.
- c. **Reducing the CPA Tax from 3% to .5%** - A vote was taken not to reduce the CPA tax to .5%. The motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Don. It passed 4 -0. Barry will prepare a statement, when he gets the figures, and present it at fall town meeting.
- d. **Library Project** - We agreed that this is a good use of CPA funds. Don brought up the maps that will be used for the OSC display at the library in December. Steve, Don, and Jennifer will work on this project using maps we currently have.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M. A motion was made to adjourn by Jean. It was seconded by Jennifer and passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Fusco

Acting Scribe