

Open Space Minutes, March 14, 2007

Attendees

Mike Mokrzycki, chair
Don Bourquard
Janet Thibeau

Patricia Reeser
Jean Lambert

Anne Madden
James Ryan, alternate

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were not available for review. We will review them at our next meeting.

29 Ash St

We discussed this parcel at a previous meeting and at the time, there seemed to be no established trails. However, we have since learned that Myopia has had permission from the landowners to use a trail at the back of the parcel during hunts. These trails have never been accessible to the general public.

Next steps: Don to monitor and review other nearby trails to see if these trails provide a useful link to a larger trail system.

Indian Hill

Ed Becker, executive director of Essex County Greenbelt, met with our committee and invited guests to discuss the Moseley properties on Indian Hill. The main parcel is 36 acres and meets many of the criteria on the OSC priority parcel list including scenic views (roadside and across reservoir), hilltop, watershed protection, trails, passive recreation and large contiguous open spaces (including land controlled by Greenbelt). This property also has historical significance, including remaining sections of the Ben Perley Poore house. Another Moseley parcel nearby, a landlocked 11 acres, abuts more Greenbelt land and meets other priority criteria. The Moseley Charitable Trust, via trustee Kip Barrow, has contacted Greenbelt to explore ways to preserve the parcels as open space. Greenbelt is very interested in preserving the parcels and is interested in talking to West Newbury about how to work together to do so. Several potential approaches were discussed.

Next steps: Annie and/or Mike will meet with BOS 3/26 to discuss this further.

CPA Committee bylaw draft

The committee met with Selectman John McGrath and David Kapturowski and requested that Community Preservation Committee bylaw draft be amended to require that a committee include representative appointed by the Open Space Committee. If an OSC representative is not included, the OSC suggested that the CPC have 7 members rather than 9. The Selectmen plan a hearing April 4 or 11 on the bylaw.

Daley/Hawthorne

The trails are marked and Hawthorne supports them. The OSC voted unanimously to support the trails.

The next OSC meeting is April 11 at 7:30.