

**Open Space Committee
Minutes * March 15, 2017
Second-Floor Hearing Room**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present were: Jennifer Germain, John Dodge, Steve Greason and Patricia Reeser, scribe.

Outstanding minutes were discussed. Jen took December 2016. Steve had January 2017. There was no meeting in February due to lack of quorum.

The status of the Dole Place acquisition for well purposes was discussed. It was voted that Patricia attend the next CPC meeting on March 16 and advise the Selectmen that the Committee supported the use of Open Space funds from the CPA account only if Open Space goals can be incorporated into the acquisition and development of the project. Such goals that might be accommodated would include car top craft access to the river and reserving space for public viewing waterside.

Complaints received from Ocean Meadow residents about horse manure being left on trails were discussed and it was recommended that the Home Owners Association contact the Conservation Commission to request permission to erect signs directing riders to respect the trails.

Steve addressed using a uniform system for trail marking.

A memorial tribute to Alex Hamilton at Riverbend was discussed, including placing a bench along a favorite trail. Conservation Commission regulates the Riverbend Conservation Area so any permission would have to be obtained from Con Comm, not Open Space. The Committee noted the extraordinary contribution Alex and Deb Hamilton have made to trail maintenance over the years and agreed a bench would be fitting.

Announced the March 25 Land Trust conference. It appeared no one was able to attend.

Due to the lateness of the hour, no discussion of the Plan was had and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.