

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 3, 2002

Members present: Celine Gandolfo, Robin Evans, Stephen Milkewiez.

Meeting called to order 9:05AM

Locke property/Whistle Path Woods Management Plan

Discussion with Mark Latour, Asst Town Manager

A. Dogs:

Dog walking to be allowed but not specific use as "dog park."

suggest change in town ordinance to allow as dog "off-leash area.

"Scoop the poop" bags and trash barrels needed at entrances

at Howland St, Foss Woods and Snail Rd. Trash barrels of the

kind contained in wooden boxes. Bags to include signage with

educational information on hazards of dog waste to wildlife and habitat.

B. Trail

Maintain existing trail as currently being done by COA volunteers.

To investigate loop trail system and its impact to wildlife.

C. Signage

Replace current sign with small inconspicuous sign at foot of trail.

Discussion of further signage with history and information to be continued.

D. Management Plan wording

Change funding source pg 2 to "325 individuals and businesses, visitors and residents...."

E. Plantings

Discussion of possible "green" fence of indigenous plants/trees alongside RR right-of-way particularly by house bordering Whistle Path Woods.

F. Land Acquisition

Request of Asst Town Manager to research 12 foot swath of land bordering Whistle Path Woods. Currently owners unknown.

Meeting adjourned 10:15AM

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Evans, Acting Secretary