

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 15, 2004

Meeting called to order 4:05PM

Members present: Celine, Robin, Steve

New Business

Wells property acquisition: P & S in process of being signed. Owner requesting meeting with ConCom, PCT and OSC about her concerns.. Suggestion to R. Wells to contact Town Counsel through her lawyer with her questions. Owner suggests that OSC dialogue with Theatre Co. to increase size of land going into conservation. (Theatre Co owns land adjacent to Wells property)Mark R. assisting town to apply to state for CR on both Wells and Curtis properties.

Working goals for 2004 (in light of recent town survey that indicated townspeople favor protection of land and wise use development)

1. land acquisition; pursue conservation of land adjacent to Curtis land. Talk to landowners about CR, purchase, etc.
Name project???
 2. pursue land protection along west end trail system.
as example, pursue idea of purchasing Pleasant St property (currently on market) and selling house to CPA for mod income housing.
 3. education of residents on property management: encourage native plantings, increase green space, etc
 4. education of developers to increase density of building to increase green space..
 5. increase public awareness of traditional pathways, beach access, and work to increase protection of same.
 6. maintain, increase and restore greenways, migratory pathways in town
 7. increase protection of fragile areas within town's boundaries by mapping etc
 8. establish trail system through town's conservation lands.
 9. enact management plans for conervation lands
 10. establish railroad right of way as historic pathway.
(3-10 from minutes 4/22/2004)
 11. consider acquisition of beach access properties
 12. encourage involvement of Historic Commission, arts community (outdoor installations as example), etc
- Decision to concentrate initially on 1, 2, and 11 this summer---
- break down into steps and implement
 - a. locate maps for Curtis property
 - b. find out about Pleasant St property
 - c. look into Beach Point property and neighborhood wishes
 - d. explore land adjacent to Shankpainter Pond.

Old Business

check with Mark Latour about OS plan draft

Vote on CPA committee member: Motion by Robin to appoint Steve as representative. Second by Celine. Vote unanimous.

Minutes approved for 4/22/04. Motion by Steve, second by Celine.

Vote unanimous.

Motion to reappoint Robin to OSC by Celine, second by Steve.

To meet Wednesday July 21, 4PM

Meeting adjourned 5:30PM.