

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 14 @ 5:30 City Hall Annex

Attendance

Committee members-John McElhenny Chairperson, Susan Hedman, Noel Mann, Charles Crowley, Patti Amaral

1. Dan Morris has resigned from the board. This was due to conflicts with increased duties at work. The committee would like to thank him for his service. We also need to ask him about how to have a new representative to the CPA.
2. Open Space Projects- 2 in the works :
 - Fish Ladder at the Little River to connect stream to Dykes Pond
 - Thompson Woods- Greenbelt is trying to raise money to purchase contiguous property on Bray street that would provide parking and a informational kiosk.CPA has borrowed money to work on city hall
3. Lanesville Community Meeting-North Gloucester Woods and quarries- need for trail organization, neighbors attending meeting mixed responses (both negative and positive) about trails being marked and access to the general public. Need for a North Gloucester Trail Association to hold easements. Will need attorney to set up Association.
4. CPA support letter regarding Thompson St Greenbelt reservation addition on Bray Street. keeps the area contiguous, Greenbelt will provide stewardship Greenbelt is trying to raise money to purchase this. Additional would provide parking and a informational kiosk. Could this be divided into 2 grant cycles.
5. Mattos Field - Field of Dreams, women's softball raised \$600 toward the new lights. Patti Amaral working on this last year Bridgewater won the grant. Keep records of donors to show community support.
6. PARC Grant- Burhams field to be submitted July 14th
7. Community Garden at Burhams field going very well with lots of interest and publicity
8. Open Space Rules Update
Charlie advocates a simple 3 zone system that will apply to all open space. Advantageous as it does not target any particular user groups, but establishes simple rules for the governance of land. 3 Zones defined as 1. All Open Space 2. Watershed 3. Buffer Zone
9. Regional open space – When trying to work toward a regional vision concerns of overuse of regional trails and fear of losing control have occurred.

NEXT Meeting August 11 Thursday 5:30 City Hall Annex Pond Rd