

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Town of Deerfield, Massachusetts
March 24, 2008
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Clark, Judy Kundl, Dan LaRoche, Bob Underhill

ABSENT: Lynn Rose

ATTENDEES: Peter James

The Open Space Committee meeting of the Town of Deerfield was called to order, pursuant to posted notice, in the Town Office Building, 8b Conway Street, South Deerfield, Massachusetts, on March 24, 2008 at 7:05 pm.

B Underhill opened with an update of his communications with Town Administrator B Kubiak: A formal budget request for \$1000 has been filed with the Finance Committee for the upcoming year. The CPC has still not convened, and is awaiting the appointment of some members. Finally, avenues of communication between the OSC and other town groups still need to be formulated.

The Committee approved for the record minutes from the February 25th meeting. Minutes from January 24th are still awaiting approval.

Peter James reviewed for the committee legislation of the town and state related to the OSC. He pointed zoning bylaw list of review committees was enlarged to include several entities, and is used for site plans, special permits, and variances. He suggested that the OSC apply to be added to list of those receiving formal notice and right to report. Discussion followed, and it was decided to table the proposal until a later date and at such a time that members are comfortable in the role of the OSC. It was decided to look into receiving informal notice via the Selectmen regarding land parcels coming out of 61A, for which the town has right of first refusal.

D LaRoche will be working with Clem Clay on GIS mapping of the town. B Underhill will be doing the same in Excel spreadsheets. It was agreed that the OSC still needs to come up with a system with which to prioritize preservation projects.

Discussion moved to CPA monies and related preservation organizations which will help to secure future parcels. D LaRoche noted that the town Historical Commission may be a good partner as 10% of CPA funds are to be devoted to historical preservation.

It was agreed that the next meeting be devoted to identifying priority parcels through the Deerfield Greenprinting maps.

The next meeting will take place on April 21, 2008 at 7:00pm in the Town Offices.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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ATTEST: Ben Clark, Committee Clerk