

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Town of Deerfield, Massachusetts
June 23, 2008
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Clark, Lynn Rose, Bob Underhill (Chair)

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 December 17, 2007 at 7:10 pm.

Minutes from the May 19th meeting were approved unanimously.

B. Underhill informed the group that the Selectmen discussed the OSC at their previous meeting, when discussing which town group should recommend APR projects. Communication should be forthcoming as to the OSC relationship with the Selectmen.

The Community Preservation Committee held its first meeting, but not with full attendance. Topics discussed included the process of selecting projects, and through talks with the Franklin Land Trust, it was made clear that one or more of the existing town committees could assist with this. All OSC members present agreed that this group was organized for just such a purpose, and should work with the Agricultural and Historical Commissions (among others) to facilitate prioritizing of parcels.

B. Underhill will make a formal request to the Planning Board for access to all Site Plan Reviews that are submitted to that group, for informal perusal by the OSC. He will also contact the Zoning Board and Conservation Commission for similar notices of upcoming potential projects.

It was agreed that the OSC needs to collaborate with other town boards and state offices before introducing parcels of land deemed high priority for preservation. L. Rose suggested contacting someone from the River Watershed Councils to gauge their interest and see if they can send someone to speak to the OSC.

L. Rose is compiling a chart of local and state agencies with interests similar to those of the OSC to see where overlaps exist. Once identified, a letter will be sent out to make formal introductions and invite their feedback and level of interest.

Finally, Rich Hubbard of the FLT is willing to come in to discuss with the OSC and CPC about preservation programs proposed or in the works for Deerfield. B. Underhill will bring this up at the next CPC meeting and hopefully allow that group to facilitate a larger presentation encompassing other interested town committees, to enable a dialogue to be

The next meeting will take place on July 28th, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Town Offices.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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ATTEST: Ben Clark, Committee Clerk