

Open Space Committee  
Town of Eastham  
Minutes  
November 13, 2013

Members Present: Bob Gurney (chair), Peter Wade, Bob Cook, Bob Jacovino, Steve Smith, Steve Gulrich

Staff Present: Dick Hilmer

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Minutes of the meeting October 16, 2013 were accepted without amendments and unanimously approved.
2. The major discussion of the meeting was the continued update of the Eastham Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). Committee members reviewed the Section VIII proposed revisions and overall general format suggested by Dick Hilmer. It was agreed to continue on this suggested outline next meeting with a finalization of Section VIII and moving ahead with the "Seven-Year Implementation Plan".
3. The Committee also had a discussion regarding the delayed progress in the completion of ECLAP II (final phase of the Eastham Comprehensive Land Inventory and Analysis Project). Dick Hilmer reported that he understood that all the properties listed by the Open Space Committee had been identified by the Assessors Office and that there was talk that the final work on the report might be completed in-house rather than by the Woods Hole Group. As this report would be pertinent to the completion of the OSRP, members express concern about the delay and also the possibility that the Sandy Meadows property might be excluded from the list requested by the Committee. There was a discussion regarding how to best to approach the Administration and Board of Selectmen regarding the differing opinions about the status of Sandy Meadows. Mr. Hilmer said he would soon be meeting with Nan Balmer.
4. Steve Gulrich reported that Loretta Nielsen, president of the 1651 Friends, had approached the BOS and the Conservation Commission regarding an idea she has been working on with Neil Andres for an improved appearance of the Wiley Park entrance. Apparently, the town has a \$4000 grant for this purpose which must be used by May. This would not cover much but Ms. Nielsen wishes to ask for Community Preservation Funds if a plan can be agreed upon. The Committee agreed that they would like to learn more of these plans soon. Mr. Gulrich will be contacting Loretta regarding this project.
5. Bob Gurney graciously volunteered to continue in the role of Committee Chair for 2014. This appointment was unanimously approved.

Next meeting: January

Meeting adjourned 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted, Steve Gulrich