

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2011
7:00 PM, Essex Elementary School Conference Room**

Present: Maria Burnham, Leslie Burns, Tammy Gardner, Lysa Leland

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY TAMMY AND VOTED TO APPROVE THE
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

I. Essex Trails Brochure

- **Cover:** Remove commercial references. Perhaps there will be room for them on the back. Text should be moved slightly to the right. Put a leaf or acorn between the 2 narrow white lines below the picture. Find a new picture. Make “Essex Outdoors” larger, centered, whiter, bolder and below “A Guide to...”
- **Manchester-Essex Woods:** After ‘large kiosk’ in the second line of the School St. directions, perhaps put “...titled Wilderness Conservation Area”. Take out the period in (Old Manchester Road.). Shorten the Hoar trail description, redo the bear story – Lysa.
- **Cogswell’s Grant:** Take a picture from the water of the house, or of the water from the house – Lysa, Leslie.
- **Choate Island:** Check the spelling of Mine or Mine’?
- **Sally Soucy Nature Trail (SSNT):** Lysa will rewrite the directions to show mileage and to bring in “Turn left at the junction of Southern Ave. with Rte. 133, then drive x miles to the junction with Rte. 22. (Check sign on store at corner to use in directions.) Turn onto Rte. 22 and drive x miles to the entrance on the left.” Take out the last two sentences of the current description. Take out picture and swap pages with Stavros Reservation to make space.
- **Warren-Weld Woodland:** Use the cover picture here. Definitely needs a map (instead of picture?).
- **Directions:** Lysa will try to make sure that all the mileages are given as “0.x” instead of just “.x”. She will also try to standardize the directions and description.
- **Map:** Lysa will hand-draw a map of Essex with the locations numbered and distances foreshortened where necessary.
- **Layout and Flow:** Swap SSNT with Stavros Reservation. Make the Stavros picture bigger.
- **Back panel:** Add mission statement. List web site addresses of property owners, ERBA, Essex River Cruises?

II. Adjournment at 9:15 PM

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8, a 7 p. m. in the
Staff Conference Room of Essex Elementary School.**