

Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Wed., October 30, 2008
7:30 - 9:10 p. m., Teachers Room, Essex Elementary School

Present: Julie Scofield, Leslie Burns, Maria Burnham, Lynne Marchetti,
David Wagner, David Davis, Peter Kellerman, Tom Ellsworth

MOTION: Leslie moved, Maria seconded and it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 2.

I. Memorial Park

- A. Lynne and David Wagner came to discuss the idea of a Community Garden.
 - 1. They would like it to be organic.
 - 2. There should be a minimum of about 10,000ft.² of flat land.
 - 3. Participation may require an annual fee – Lynne’s previous experience charged one
 - 4. Improvements necessary/desirable for the proposed garden
 - a. Roto-tilling w/ soil amendments
 - b. Fencing to discourage deer (we discussed one perimeter fence vs. individual plot fencing)
 - c. Water
 - d. Possibly porta-potties
 - e. Composting –
 - 1) Lynne will look into the Board of Health rules on this.
 - 2) Noah Kellerman might be a good source of info on this.
 - f. Expenses for these improvements need to be estimated.
 - 5. Locations with these requirements
 - a. Leslie will investigate Chebacco Terrace.
 - b. Lynne will check at Chebacco Lake.
 - c. Maria will look behind the Town Hall
 - d. Lynne will use Map 5 from the OS Plan to analyze other possibilities.
- B. Greenbelt was also mentioned – Lynne said she would check with Ed Becker
- C. Private properties were ruled out because of insurance liabilities.

II. The last meeting of the Planning Board was discussed.

- A. We should consider redrawing some of the lines from our last meeting.
- B. The planning board has walked the areas we suggested.
- C. We should meet with them after they have drawn some lines of their own.
 - 1. Decide on distances from road or property lines for bounds.
 - 2. David Davis suggested natural resource areas as bounds.
- D. Tasks
 - 1. Tom will put us on the Planning Board schedule for November 19.
 - 2. Peter will email Bill Holton.
 - a. To resend the info he put together for the last planning board meeting
 - b. To have their thoughts on bounds discussed.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

IV. The next meeting is on Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p. m. in the Essex Elementary School, Teachers’ Room.