

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, June 3, 2008  
7:30-9:50 p. m., Teacher's Room, Essex Elementary School**

Present: Julie Scofield, Peter Kellerman, Karin Gertsch, Leslie Burns, Maria Burnham

*New members Leslie Burns and Maria Burnham were appointed to the Committee by the Selectmen on June 2, 2008.*

Next meeting is on Tuesday, July 1, at 7:30 p. m. in the Fire Station on Martin Street.

I. Centennial Grove signs

A. Julie has researched several sign companies.

1. Stay Safe (?), signs from Westford MA seem to have the best prices.
2. Recommended by Helen Bethell, of Manchester Essex Conservation Trust (MECT).

B. Prices

1. 12 x 18" with printing
  - a. We will need 3.
  - b. \$21.45 @
2. Small arrow signs, 6 x 12"
  - a. We will need 8.
  - b. \$14.30 @
3. One large entrance sign - \$380

C. Post hole digger

1. Peter has one.
2. People to dig
  - a. Scouts?
  - b. High school community service students?
3. Leslie & Maria will get together to map out the signs.

**MOTION #1: Leslie moved, Maria seconded and it was voted unanimously to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$600, to create and install signs along the Centennial Grove Nature Trail.**

II. Copies of Open Space Plan

- A. All of the copies of the current Open Space Plan have been distributed.
- B. Copies will be needed for new members of the committee.
- C. Copies are \$50 @ because of the 8, colored maps.

**MOTION #2: Leslie moved, Maria seconded and it was voted unanimously to have additional copies of the Open Space Plan printed at a cost not to exceed \$300.**

**MOTION #3: Leslie moved, Maria seconded and it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the last meeting of May 21, 2008.**

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III. Coolidge Trust maps

- A. Helen Bethell sent maps of the Coolidge Trust property to the Committee.
- B. Maria will research the deed restrictions on the property.

IV. Town Web Site - Julie will meet with Brendhan to learn to use the site.

V. Site Plan Review - Peter

- A. This tool should help the Planning Board regulate areas outside the buffer zone of Wetlands.
- B. e. g. – storm water, drainage control, etc.

VI. Other business

- A. If Rebecca decides not to stay on the committee after July 1, a new member should be appointed.
- B. Leslie will write to the Selectmen about the Open Space Plan to make them more aware of its existence as a planning tool for the town.
- C. Leslie will check with Greenbelt about purchasing a map of open space in Essex from them for the committee. Julie will check with April Bowling about the accuracy of their map for Essex.

**THE NEXT METTING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 1, IN THE FIRE STATION ON MARTIN STREET.**