

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2009  
7:30 p. m., Teachers' Room, Essex Elementary School**

Present: Julie Scofield, Tammy Gardner, Leslie Burns, Maria Burnham

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY TAMMY AND VOTED  
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE NOV. 10 MEETING.**

- I. We discussed the fact that the Planning Board (PB) will be reviewing Conomo Point and the proposed zoning changes at several upcoming meetings, and our desire to attend those meetings. For this reason,
  - A. Julie spoke with Bill Holton who promised to notify her in advance, via email, of meetings where zoning is on their agenda
  - B. Leslie spoke with Andrew St. John about same.
  - C. Maria called Scottie Robinson who added that the PB is going to focus on revising details of the zoning by-laws and promised to try to get the PB agendas more regularly listed on the web before their meetings.
  
- II. The Long Term Planning Committee's Essex Village Initiative was discussed.
  - A. All Open Space Committee members (and interested parties) should read through the document (downloadable from [www.essexma.org](http://www.essexma.org)) to understand the recommendations and look for projects appropriate for OSC support.
  - B. For example, pocket parks downtown
  
- III. Budget items
  - A. The 2009 budget has \$775 in it which we have tentatively allotted to the trails brochure.
  - B. Julie will ask for \$500 again for the 2010 and 2011 budgets.
  - C. Julie will look for conservation-targeted funds in the Town Report, as discussed at previous OSC meetings.
  
- IV. Trails brochure
  - A. Maria will circulate the Sam Hoar Trail & Bear's Den descriptions to Committee members.
  - B. Julie will ask Lysa Leland if she will continue to be involved with the committee and our brochure.
  
- V. Open Space Plan revisions
  - A. Julie announced that the Open Space Action Plan term may be extended by 2 more years provided the revised plan is submitted for approval by February 28th.
  - B. Committee members are asked to review the existing plan to identify project timelines in need of revision as well new items to add to the scope of the Action Plan.
  
- VI. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p. m.

**Our next meetings will be on Tues. Jan. 19 and Tues., Feb. 9,  
at 7:30 p. m., in the Teachers' Room, now called the Staff Conference Room, of the  
Essex Elementary School.**