

Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 29, 2009

7:30 p. m., Teachers' Room, Essex Elementary School

Present: Julie Scofield, Maria Burnham, Susanna Collaredo, representing the Hamilton Open Space Committee and the Essex County Trail Association

MOTION: Julie moved, Maria seconded and it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2009.

- I. Susanna discussed the history and current agenda of the Essex County Trail Association
 - A. Duties
 1. Maintain trails – usage rates determine budgets
 2. Research ownership of parcels along trails
 3. Maintain maps
 - a. For public use
 - b. For association use
 - B. Benefits
 1. Free membership to owners of parcels on the trails
 2. Help us with our maps.
 3. The trails they use are insured for liabilities.
 4. Link to trails between towns.
- II. Budget discussion
 - A. The carry-over amount from the 2009 budget is \$790.
 - B. The 2010 budget is approximately \$500 in new funds.
- III. Brochure proposals
 - A. “Welcome to Essex” introduction.
 1. Town info
 2. Picture?
 - B. Maps
 1. One large map with a key
 2. Several smaller maps for individual parcels
 3. Check with Greenbelt –
 - a. Maria will call to arrange a date to see how they present maps and data.
 - b. Do they know of any “free trial“ programs for manipulating maps?
 - c. Which graphics program do they use?
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p. m.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 p. m., in the Teachers' Room of the Essex Elementary School.