

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 2009**

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

Present: Julie Scofield, Leslie Burns, Maria Burnham, Lysa Leland

**MOTION: Leslie moved, Maria seconded and it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2009.**

- I. Discussion: Overlay District progress - Maria will call Bill Holton of the Planning Board for an update.
- II. Open Space Trail Brochure
  - A. It will contain maps and a short narrative of trails in Essex.
    1. Agassiz Rock – TTOR (The Trustees of Reservations)
    2. Wilderness Conservation Area – MECT (Manchester Essex Conservation Trust)
    3. Cox Reservation – ECGA (Essex County Greenbelt Association)
    4. Warren Weld Woodlands off Apple St. – TTOR with CR (conservation restriction) to Greenbelt
    5. Stavros Reservation/White's Hill – TTOR
    6. Centennial Grove Nature Trail – Town of Essex
    7. Crane Wildlife Sanctuary – TTOR
  - B. Introduction
    1. Mention other open space vistas along the gateways into Essex
      - a. Glimpses of the Essex River
      - b. Chebacco Lake
      - c. Historic farmland vistas from John Wise Ave.
      - d. Woodlands
    2. Parking spaces
    3. Rules for use – horses?, dogs?, care?
- III. Assignments for next meeting
  - A. Leslie will bring in literature on these properties from the organizations that own them.
  - B. Julie will start putting the narratives into WORD documents.
  - C. A schedule of site visits will be completed.
    1. June 27 – At 8 a. m. Julie, Lysa & Maria will meet at the Apple St. entrance to the Warren Weld reservation.
    2. July 2 – Lysa & Maria will again meet at 8 a. m. at the Apple St. entrance to the Warren Weld Reservation to finish investigating the trails.
    3. Other visits will be scheduled via email.
- IV. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p. m.

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:30 p. m., in the Essex Room of the T.O. H. P. Burnham Library.**