

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009
7:30 p. m., Senior Center, Pickering Street**

Present: Julie Scofield, Lysa Leland, Tammy Gardner, Leslie Burns, Maria Burnham, later TomEllsworth, Peter Kellerman, Charlie Storey

I. Discussion

A. Essex Heritage Scenic Byway

1. Copies distributed by Julie.
 - a. Map and Synopsis
 - b. Management Plan Overview
2. Julie and Maria have been asked to represent the Essex Open Space Committee.
3. An advisory group has been formed and will meet some time in September.

B. Open Space Trail Brochure

1. Julie to write
 - a. Brochure introduction
 - b. Paragraph on the Centennial Grove Trail.
2. Leslie - MECT properties
3. Tammy - Stavros Reservation
4. Lysa – Warren-Weld Reservation
5. Maria – Cox Reservation
6. Agassiz Reservation has been done by Julie & Leslie.
7. Cogswell Grant has been started by Julie & Leslie.
8. Maria will look for a black & white composite map of Essex.

II. At 8:20 Tom Ellsworth, Peter Kellerman & Charlie Storey arrived.

A. Tom distributed some information.

1. Maps of the town lots on Southern Avenue
2. A list of tax title lands

B. A discussion took place on the interest of the Open Space Committee in tax title lands.

1. Leslie will ask if the Planning Board has ever worked on this.
2. Julie will look for names of lawyers who have done this.
3. Maria will look up who is the Chair of the Conservation Committee. (Wally Bruce)

IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY MARIA AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PURSUE THE STUDY OF THE TRANSFER OF TAX TITLE LAND TO THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

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

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 p. m., in the Teachers' Room of the Essex Elementary School.