

Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 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 MARIA AND VOTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCT. 13 MEETING.

- I. The Horsley Whitten Southern Conomo Point Zoning District proposal was discussed.
 - A. Julie will call Carolyn Britt about the District.
 - B. It was agreed that the Open Space Comm. should attend the Planning Board meetings about the issue.
 1. Julie will call Bill Holton to ask to be notified about upcoming meetings on the Southern Conomo Point Zoning District.
 2. Lesley will call Andrew St. John to notify her of such meetings.
 3. Maria will call Scottie Robinson for the same reasons.
 4. All will keep checking the www.essexma.org web site.
- II. Centennial Grove Trail repair
 - A. Julie reported that Paul Goodwin had called to say that the DPW has completed its work for us there.
 - B. We will need another work day in the spring to put up the directional arrows and clear new brush that has blown down from winter storms.
- III. Julie distributed a draft for the new Essex Open Space Brochure.
 - A. All have turned in their current assignments.
 - B. A few places still need more descriptions to be ready for our next meeting.
 1. Lesley will enlarge on the Agassiz Rock details.
 - a. The rock itself
 - b. The vernal pool on the right near the entrance
 2. The Cogswell Grant paragraph will be expanded by Julie.
 - a. She will check the web site for details,
at www.historicnewengland.org/visit/homes/cogswell.htm
 - b. Maria will edit Julie's changes.
 3. Julie will add Tammy's description of the alternate trail at the Stavros Reservation.
 4. Maria will write the Sam Hoar Trail & Bear's Den descriptions.
 5. Lesley will do the Centennial Grove Nature Trail portion of the brochure.
 6. Julie will ask Lysa Leland if she can write on the Warren-Weld Reservation.
- IV. Julie will contact Helen Bethell to see if she can come to one of our meetings to talk to us about the details of the Town of Essex Gravel Pit lot.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p. m.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p. m., in the Teachers' Room of the Essex Elementary School.