

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Monday, June 14, 2010  
7:30 p. m., Staff Conference Room, Essex Elementary School**

Present: Julie Scofield, Tammy Gardner, Leslie Burn, Maria Burnham and later, Suzie Banta, Carol Lloyd and Alex Van Alen of the Essex County Trail Association (ECTA)

**IT WAS MOVED BY TAMMY, SECONDED BY LESLIE AND VOTED  
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 25, 2010 MEETING.**

- I. The Sally Soucy Nature trail at Centennial Grove dedication was discussed.
  - A. Diane Polley has arranged for Maria to pick up coffee at Dunkin Donuts.
    1. At 8:15 a. m., Saturday, June 19
    2. There will be 3 boxes, 2 regular & 1 decaf, the cream, sugar, napkins and cups.
    3. Diane will have made the payment arrangements.
  - B. Set up
    1. In the Pavilion
    2. At 8:30 a. m.
    3. Diane will have tables, tablecloths and refreshments ready.
    4. Maria will try to bake.
    5. Paul Goodwin will have the new sign ready & covered.
  - C. Dedication will begin at 9 a. m., followed by a trail walk.
  - D. Leslie reported that the trail needs clearing again
    1. She will take care of it this week.
    2. Perhaps in the future, some of the new Friends of Open Space (FOOS) will help.
- II. Julie distributed the 2010 committee cards from the Selectmen. We will have to be sworn in by the Town Clerk.
- III. A discussion with the people from the ECTA was held.
  - A. Their organization is membership based.
    1. Memberships cover less than half their expenses.
    2. They would like to increase membership.
    3. Other sources of income
      - a. Events
      - b. Grant writing
  - B. They would like to get GPS data from Essex trails.
    1. They have all the other surrounding towns.
    2. Trustees of Reservation (TTOR) and Greenbelt trails have been done.
      - a. ECTA will get that data.
      - b. They were interested in the Sally Soucy Trail.
        - 1) Greenbelt is doing the GPS there for us.
        - 2) ECTA will get the data from Greenbelt.
        - 3) Julie will call Greenbelt about sharing data.
  - C. ECTA would like to produce a trail map with GPS coordinates for Essex.
    1. It has been done for all the surrounding towns.
    2. All public trails & some private ones, with the permission of the owners, are shown.
    3. There are also cross-town maps available.

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4. ECTA maintains all these trails.
  - a. Permission has been given for routine maintenance by the Essex Conservation Comm.
  - b. Any large projects will need additional permitting.
5. Their web site is a source of this data for the public.
  - a. ECTA would like to put a link to the Essex Open Space Comm. web page.
  - b. We will let them know when this site is working and put a link to their site on it, as well as those of other conservation organizations in town.

### IV. New additions to the Friends of Open Space list were discussed.

- A. The April 2<sup>nd</sup> voting list was reviewed superficially (120+ pages).
  1. Maria & Leslie are going over it for the first pass.
  2. Julie will make a “monster” list of all possible people for FOOS.
  3. We will discuss the results at our next meeting.
- B. The next event of Open Space interest is the presentation on Thursday, June 17 by the Conomo Point Planners, Taintor Associates.

### V. At 9:20 p. m. the meeting was adjourned.

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2010, at 7:30 p. m. in the  
Essex Public Library.**