

Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010
7:30 p. m., Essex Public Library

Present: Julie Scofield, Tammy Gardner, Maria Burnham

**IT WAS MOVED BY TAMMY, SECONDED BY MARIA AND VOTED
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2010 MEETING.**

I. Old business

- A. Maria will attend the Conomo Point informational meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, 7 p. m. at the school.
- B. Sally Soucy Nature Trail at Centennial Grove
 - 1. With successful completion of improved trail signage, and the trail rededication as the Sally Soucy Nature Trail on June 19, the committee discussed the need for a Phase Two: installation of the remaining signs and some resolution of the trail's ending "at the beach."
 - 2. Julie will check with the sign company as to the whereabouts of the remaining signs we ordered.
- C. Essex Trails brochure
 - 1. Julie will provide the committee with a trial layout using the existing copy, with the understanding that it still needs significant additional writing and editing.
 - 2. Maps and Mapping
 - a. We will ask Greenbelt to walk the Warren-Weld trail on Apple St. with us, using the GPS to correct their current map.
 - b. We will also accept Greenbelt's offer to walk the Sally Soucy Trail so we have a map of that.
 - c. On receiving the GPS data, we will contact the Essex County Trail Association (ECTA).
- D. At the next meeting, Julie will distribute the "Friends of Open Space Candidates" list for the committee's review.

II. New Business

- A. Leslie will represent the Open Space Committee on the new Centennial Grove Committee.
- B. The Long Term Planning Committee results will be discussed, if they are available on the web.
- C. The Committee will make a plan to tackle the tax title land issues in Essex with the help of Helen Bethell.
- D. Julie will write an agenda for our next meeting, based on old and new business items outlined above

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010, at 7:30 p. m. in the
Staff Conference Room of Essex Elementary School.**