

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010
7:30 p. m., Staff Conference Room, Essex Elementary School**

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY JULIE AND VOTED
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JAN. 19, 2010 MEETING.**

- I. We discussed the fact that none of our contacts on the Planning Board (PB) has notified us about ANY Conomo Point zoning discussion. We will all call each of our contacts on the PB.
- II. Changes to the Open Space Plan's **Action Plan** for two-year extension
 - A. It was recommended that the Open Space Committee be represented on the Community Preservation Committee.
 - B. How to deal with those parts of the Action Plan that have been completed.
 1. Julie will call the state branch that handles Open Space reports.
 2. Her contact there is Melissa Cryan.
 - C. The group then reviewed the updates to the 2007 Action Plan.
 1. Julie will distribute her updated version of the Action Plan.
 2. A discussion on vernal pools was held as it is one of the Action Plan's objectives. The committee thought that it would be helpful to have conversation with Derek Brown. Julie will contact him.
 3. Julie has contacted Mike Dyer about using some of the LTPC work for our Open Space Plan extension.
- III. Preliminary discussion about identifying Open Space supporters.
 - A. The goal would be to identify Essex citizens who are supporters of Open Space and conservation.
 1. Leslie & Maria will look into other conservation organizations' Annual Reports to try to identify Essex members.
 2. We need a vehicle to communicate efficiently with as large a number of supporters as possible.
 - B. An added benefit is letting them know what we do and why we need support.
 - C. We need a combination of phone numbers and email addresses.
- IV. Town report
 - A. Julie thinks that the town report is due and will contact Pam Witham in the Selectmen's office.
 - B. Julie will write a draft report.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

**Our next meetings will be on Tues., Mar.16, & Wed. April 28, 2010 at 7:30 p. m., in the
Staff Conference Room of the Essex Elementary School.**