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OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

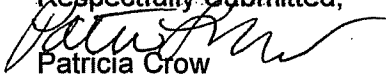
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Orleans Town Hall, Skaket Room, 8:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by the Chairman. Members present were Alan McClennen (Chairman), Mefford Runyon, Jeff Norgeot, and Patty Crow. Also in attendance were Judy Scanlon and Julie Winslow, farmers, and David Dunford, Selectman.

1. Minutes of the Open Space Committee Meeting held February 23 were approved.
2. Alan McClennen walked us through the draft Management Plan for Putnam Farm, which includes keeping the existing barn and pump house and a request to allow cold frames/poly tunnels to extend the growing season. Alan noted that the Historical Commission confirmed that the site is a historic landscape. Putnam Farm is protected in perpetuity. Possible future changes in use will not affect this protection.
3. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the draft Management Plan and to send the draft to the Conservation Commission for approval. That done, the draft will go to the State for comment.
4. The CPC voted \$47,500 for restoration and renovation of Putnam Farm. The Open Space Committee voted unanimously to notify the CPC that the Open Space Committee requests that \$47,500 of Open Space Funds in the CPC Fund balance be used for rehabilitation and restoration of Putnam Farm.
5. The CPA projects will be voted on as a group at Town Meeting, therefore the Open Space Committee requests no action be taken on the warrant article.
6. The Committee reviewed the new open space inventory plan created by John Jannell and Kris Ramsey. It was agreed that this will be a useful tool.
7. Committee members and attendees thanked Alan McClennen for time and expertise devoted to the Putnam Farm endeavor.
8. The next meeting of the Open Space Committee will take place Wednesday, May 4 at 8 am in the Skaket Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am..

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Crow
Acting Clerk