

May 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Upton Open Space Committee

Nipmuc High, 7.00

Members present:

Tom Dodd
Alan Miano
Mike Penko
Marcella Stasa
Bill Taylor

Scenic Roads Bylaw (SRB)

Town has hired a new DPW director and BT will meet with him, Blythe Robinson and John Johnson. BT will offer to file the road records.

A new Tree Warden will be appointed soon. BT will also speak with Doug Kenniston who had created a Plant a Tree Fund. A couple of communities have created a Gifts Fund with designations for various purposes. It is tax exempt. It can be established for multiple purposes such as tree, walls, restoration & maintenance.

Community Preservation Committee wants to put signs on projects that were CPA funded.

Sweetwilliam Farm (SWF) BT will write Gail Harrington a letter confirming that the easement issue is worked out for now.

Website Update

Add: Major Accomplishments
How you can help.
Thank you's
Volunteer hour counter
Do you have a vernal pool you want certified?

South Street property

MP has spoken with Rich Gazorian about working with the Rec Com on PARC grant proposal. An RFP has gone out to find other properties that may be available for fields to demonstrate that other possibilities have been explored. We can come up with a trails map and check out the West River trail system. There may be an open space component.

A new CPA definition of for open space may include active recreation and open space designated funds could have a broader use. Info should be on the CPC web site.

BT & MS participated in a site walk of the Hebb property on Glenview Ave. 70 acre parcel abutting Nipmuc Rod & Gun Club (NR&GC) and Beagle Club. Grant for nonprofits to buy the land. Metacomet Land Trust (MLT) might be interested in

partnering with NR&GC. Can frontage be sold? Would CPA funds be available? MP will check GIS map.

Ken Young has property for land preservation on Triphammer Road off of North Street. He wants to preserve certain parts of the 25-30 acres with a Conservation Restriction.

MLT is looking for board members.

Purchase of Kent property is being discussed with DCR.

Events

Transit of Venus on June 5th. MP has a solar scope for safe viewing.

MP would like to lead a monthly Peppercorn sunset hike.

Tom may lead a Butterfly hike.

Meeting adjourned 9.07 PM