

August 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
**Upton Open Space Committee**

Nipmuc High, 7.00

**Members present:**

Tom Dodd  
Scott Heim  
Alan Miano  
Mike Penko  
Marcella Stasa  
Bill Taylor

BT gave update on South Street Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant. BT and MS attended a site walk with Melissa Cryan from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Blythe Robinson and Rich Gazoorian from the Upton Rec Com. Possible Award is \$400,000.

Intro and training for the new town website are on August 15<sup>th</sup>. AM will fill out template for website meeting.

TD will take over the role of Secretary for the UOSC. MS will continue to work with Ellen Arnold to develop events programming.

Events

South Street walk-through was discussed with Rich Gazoorian. UOSC could present OS possibilities.

MP will do Peppercorn evening hike on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30.

Forester, surveyor who spoke at MLT board meeting and a turtle talk by MP could be possible programs.

BT & MS sent a letter in response to the recent Town Crier editorial. Also submitted an article about the SWF/Whitney fence and parking fundraising effort underway.

UOSC should consider having a Facebook presence. MP will look into the town Facebook material. UOSC might have a blog- someone will need to maintain it. Facebook would be easiest, it is already established. There could be weekly town blasts. Town web-site would not be for advocacy. Twitter is an option. Facebook or blog could feature events, meetings, pictures, stewardship activity, conservation news and links. Facebook is chronological. We could have a "Friends of Upton's Open Spaces". Anything posted would go by the chairperson. MP will investigate.

Raising funds for UOSC and ULSC to do work at SWF/Whitney

Before Metacomet Land Trust (MLT) fundraising web-page will go live MP will send the link to the OSC for comments. MLT is the fundraising entity. BT discussed it with BR and we are OK as far as the town is concerned.

Printing of Open Space Plan is postponed.

Minutes from June 7<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 accepted as corrected.

Meeting adjourned 8.19 PM