

Meeting Minutes

To: Members of Open Space Committee
From: Tom Dodd
Re: Minutes of meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2014

Members Attending:

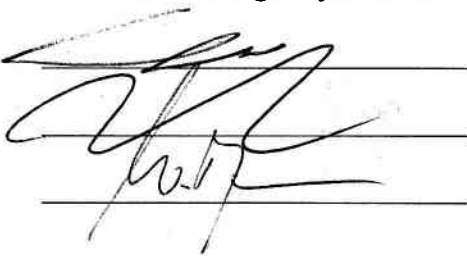
Bill Taylor, Marcella Stasa, Mike Penko, Tom Dodd

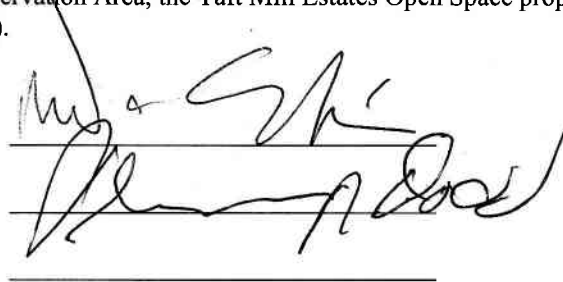
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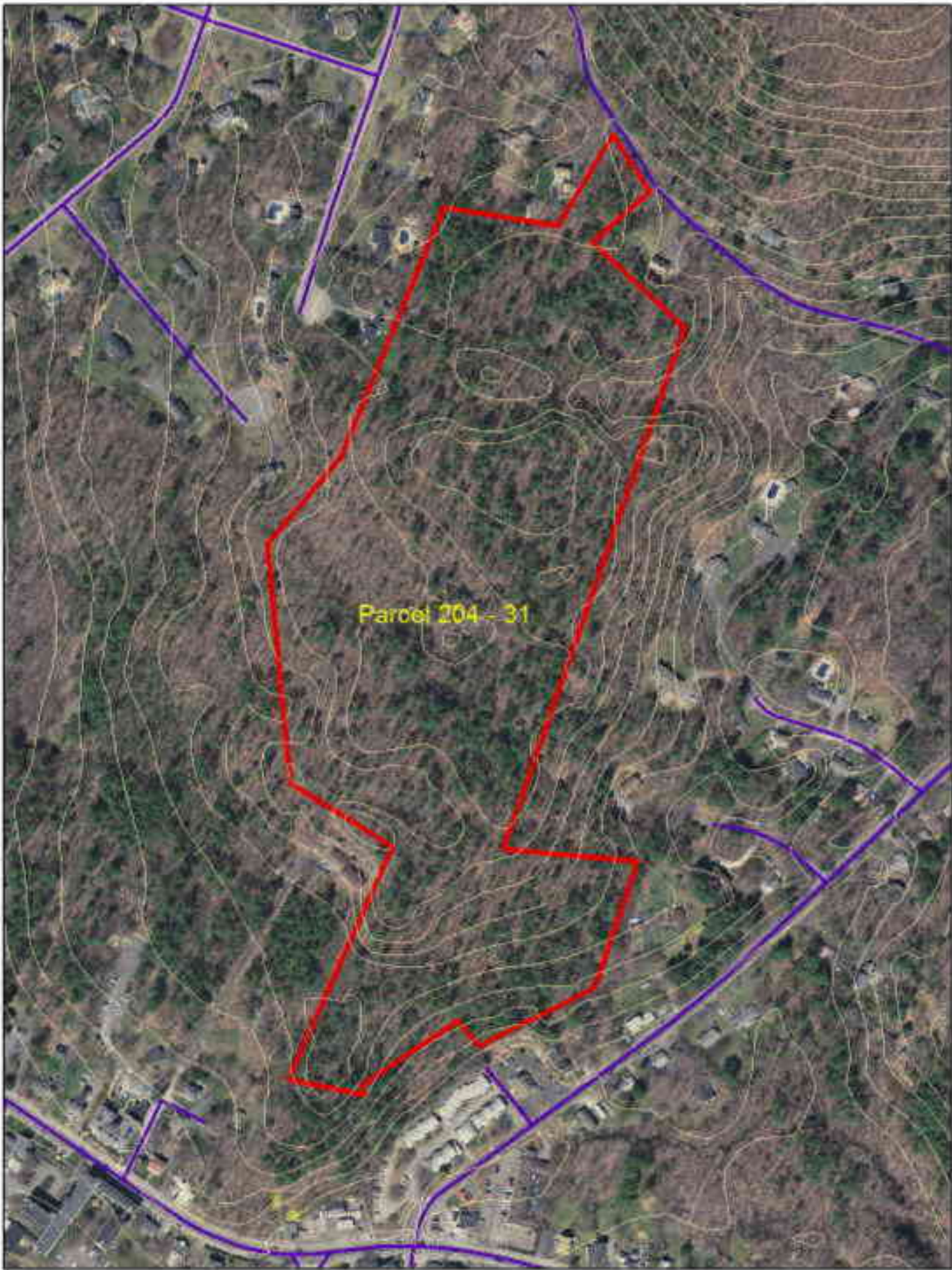
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- Motion to accept Meeting Minutes of 12/9/13 – All in Favor
- Discussion about Thompson Property– Owner of 72 acres along Westboro Rd
 - o Friends of Upton State Forest is trying to get MA DCR to look at Thompson property as well as property at Eames Lane
- Scenic Bylaw – no news
 - o Questions about acceptability of additional regulatory and fees. Requires two notices and fees. Possibly allow driveway cut without filing. Existing Shade Tree law requires approval of Tree Warden (this includes >1 or 1.5” trees, but not enforced in Upton.
- Open Space Events
 - o Russ Cohen (wild edibles) may do Stefans again (very successful in past). July 31, Thur at 6PM walk. No charge. Expenses are expected to only be travel.
 - o Sweetwilliam Farm – Whitney Conservation Trail Opening – May time frame
 - o Possible movie this winter – Greenfire, 1hr about Aldo Leopold – won an emmy
 - o Jerry Lamire – Shed antler hunt – end of Feb
- CPC hearing in Hopkinton on Jan 23 to consider requesting for funds to purchase Coolidge/Richards and take to Town Meeting. Proposed Open Space Plan preserves 30 of 40 acres but leaves a narrow strip connection to Whitehall. CPC funding would be contingent on Land Grant (max \$400,000).
- Mike P will draft a letter to ask BOS for permission to have Land Stewardship Committee manage the following town owned properties: two parcels abutting the Whitney Conservation Area, the Taft Mill Estates Open Space property, and possibly the Warren Road parcel (behind Dunkin Donuts).

8:15PM Meeting Adjourned





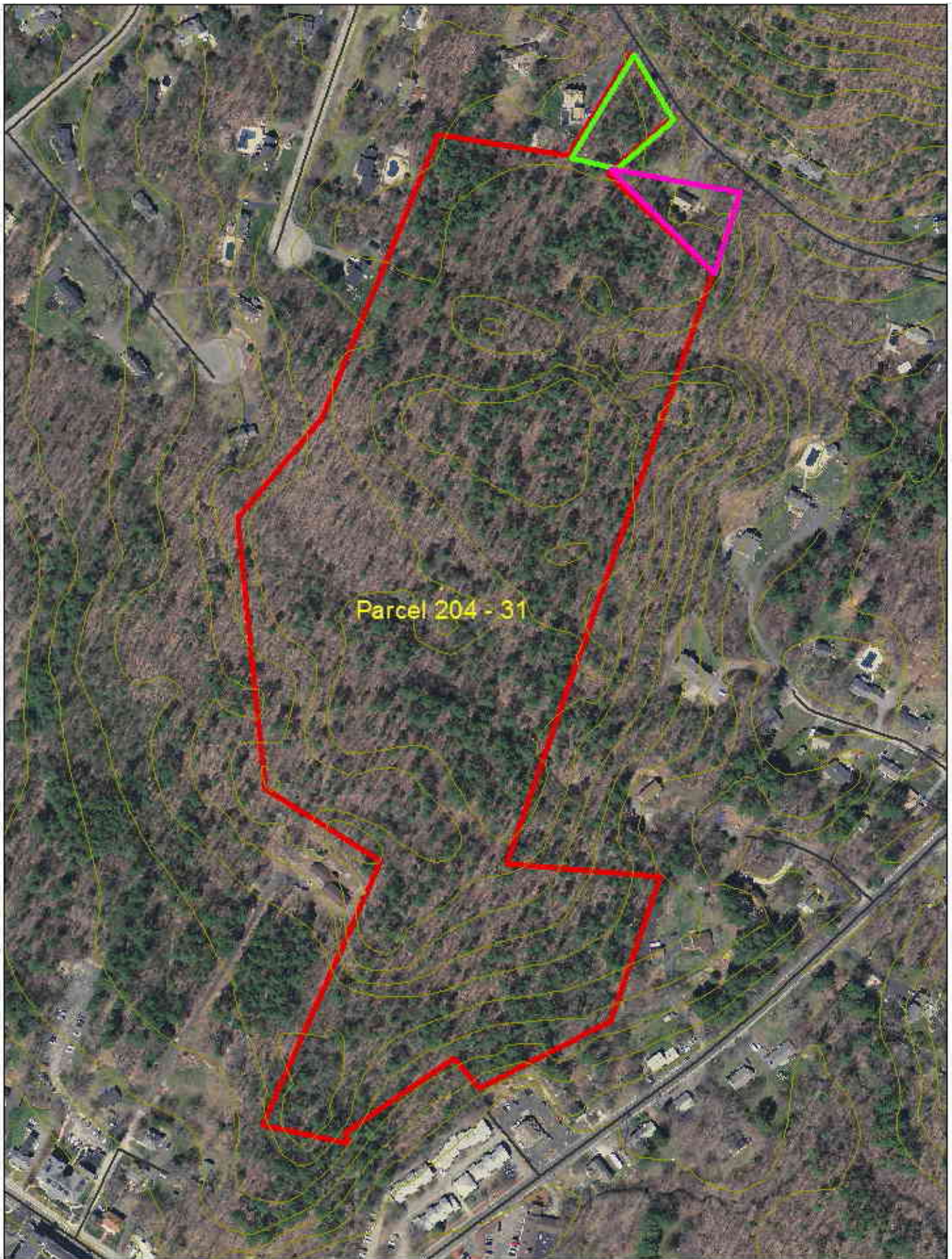


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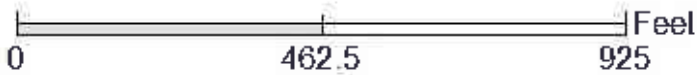


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