

Open Space Committee Meeting
Multi-Service Center, Room 227
Wareham, MA

9 April 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Sandy Slavin, Kevin Bartsch, Nanette Bergeron, Donald Hall, Anne Campbell
Absent: Greg Donahue

The meeting opened at 6:05 PM

The meeting minutes for the last meeting on 13 February 2012 approved, 5-0-0

There was no March 2012 meeting.

The property research by Greg is ongoing.

The parking area and trail at the Fearing Hill Conservation Area was cleared enough to allow an Eagle Scout Project to begin. The trail and parking area require additional maintenance and a culvert on the trail must be repaired. The Conservation Commission needs to address this. The Eagle Scout Project will create a trail from the existing trail in the Fearing Hill Conservation Area to the adjacent property (known as Weweantic II) recently purchased by the town. The Conservation Commission is currently working on developing trails in the newly purchased area.

Kevin read the Bryant Farm CR and reported that the Town is allowed to use 3 acres for an athletic field.

Sandy reported that vehicles continue to drive near the shoreline at Swifts Beach. The Conservation Commission has been informed and needs to address this issue.

The Conservation Commission is responsible for the stewardship on all Town held Conservation Restrictions (CRs).

Article 41(aka the Ahearn Project) in the Spring Warrant for Town Meeting seeks to acquire funding to purchase 19-acres along the Weweantic River. Due to the unsuccessful bid for a Land Grant with the state the project now requires more funding from the town to move forward. CPC voted to increase the funding needed to purchase the property. The Open Space Committee supports Article 41 with a vote of 5-0-0.

The next Open Space Committee meeting is scheduled for 11 June 2012.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM, 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Bartsch

SS Slavin
approved
5-0-0
10/11/12

