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

11 June 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 9 April 2012 approved, 5-0-0

There was no May 2012 meeting.

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

Grantor	CR Number	CR Name	Acres
John Decas	16	Burgess Point	15.5
Barker Family	18	Barker at Great Neck	19.0
WLT	19	Shady Lane at Swifts Beach	8.1
Mass Audubon	22	Great Neck	92.0
WLT	23	Columbia St at Swifts Beach	2.5

The Open Space Plan renewal is due August 2017. The renewal process should start in early 2016 to accommodate the need to develop a survey that can be posted on the Town website and be distributed for comments on open space use and needs. Also, outreach to Environmental Justice populations should be completed before the fall of 2016.

CPA funds may soon be available for playground renovations. Sandy will put a survey on the Town website asking citizens to vote for the playground most in need of renovations. She will also place an article in Wareham Week to alert readers about the survey and encourage them to participate. The Open Space Committee will recommend the Town playground the citizens feel is most in need of care.

"A Guide to Walking Trails in Wareham" was presented. It is a 14-page guide booklet that includes seven maps for walking trails in or near Wareham. It was well received and a recommendation was made to place the guide on the town website 5-0-0.

Due to the lack of recruitment and retention for members of the Open Space Committee, Sandy will contact the chairs of the Minot Forest and the Recreation Fields committees to suggest combining the three committees into one since all three committees have similar missions. If they agree, she will send a memo to the BOS with the request: 5-0-0

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Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM, 5-0-0 The next Open Space Committee meeting is scheduled for 10 September 2012.

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