



Town of Westminster

MASSACHUSETTS 01473
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
Open Space Committee
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MINUTES OF MEETING --- Monday, February 6, 2012 5 p.m. --- Rm. 120 in Town Hall

To: Board of Selectmen; Conservation Commission, Parks & Recreation Committee

Members/Guests PRESENT: Chairman Gregg Buckman, Marie Auger, Donna Brownell, Richelle Brown, Joe Flanagan, Josh Schonborg, planner Steve Wallace & guest Jan Morrison

--5:05 p.m. Opened meeting. Group voted AIF to accept minutes from last meeting [Nov. 2011]. Buckman distributed "Conflict of Interest Law" documents to members and later collected signature-of-acceptance pages to forward to town clerk. He also presented the committee's annual report, to be submitted for inclusion in the town's annual report.

---Flanagan moved and group voted AIF to have town planner compose letter to BOS recommending that town accept land donation of Towle property [backland] off Partridge Hill Road. This will be an article at May's ATM—to approve the donation.

--Town planner reported on Master Plan general/introductory meeting on Thursday. He said that almost 1,000 surveys have been returned so far. He also noted that NCLT is hosting a seminar at the Doyle Center in Leominster on March 24—details on website.

--Morrison reported on \$125,000 grant that MRPC has received for "Smart Growth Corridor Study" around Wachusett Station in the 231 Industrial Park in Fitchburg. She is on the Fitchburg Greenways Committee, which wants to create a regional network of pedestrian/bike trails. She wants to get all surrounding communities involved.

--Under 'new business' Brownell asked about the OSC supporting a Resource Management Protection Plan for Crocker Pond Recreational Area. Chairman suggested that any such initiative is a matter for BOS, which would dispense any related directives to appropriate committees, such as OSC, ConsComm or Parks & Rec.

5:55 p.m. Adjourn. --*Next meeting is set for Monday, March 12, 2012, 5 p.m. -- subject to change*

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Auger