



Open Space Committee minutes

October 26, 2007

Town Hall, Meeting begins 7:32 AM

Attending: Dick Hatfield, Peter Ashton, Andy Magee, Ruth Martin, Karen O'Neill, Charlie Carlson, Tom Tidman, Susan Mitchell Hardt

1. Open Space survey is pending for funding to put it on the website. Follow-up will be by Peter and Tom.
2. Property review: neighbors to Groener property on Nagog Hill (Joan and Mike DiCicco) are interested in selling the back lot to the town for conservation. However, it appears the lot has a deed restriction, so it cannot be subdivided.
3. Madden property – ~ 12 acres. Schofield has provided a scope of services plan, but landowner needs to have a MOU by SVT before proceeding. Karen will follow up with SVT. (ACTION).
4. Anderson property: ~ 39 acres. ACT met with the landowner who expressed interest in working with the town to sell the land for conservation. Open to 1 unit of affordable housing on the land, but no active recreation. Estimated interest in selling at \$2 million, but ACT will turn this over to the town manager to be negotiated. It's important to start the appraisal process soon. ANDY – ACTION ITEM: follow up with acting town manager.
5. Proposal for set aside funds for CPC meeting. The motion was made to ask for \$500,000 in set aside funds, noting that we have several very active opportunities with several landowners for conservation purchases. All voted yes, in favor.
6. Stonefield Farm: There are two parcels in this area. One parcel is owned by a Simeone cousin who is keen to sell 10 acres for conservation (Caouette).

ACT/ Susan has talked to some of the Simeone family about an agricultural preservation restriction. She has provided us with a fact sheet and notes she has also meet with a representative from the State to discuss the feasibility. The town of Acton would have to move quickly to get various “points” in order to be eligible for this program (having an active Agricultural commission is one key item). ACTION ITEM: ACT and SVT will meet (Karen will set up meeting for Nov. 8th) to develop a game plan and proposal for the landowners.

7. Donald – Tom met with her, but she still is not ready to plan the next steps.
8. Next 2 meetings will be: Friday, Nov 16th and Nov. 30, at 7:30 AM in Town Hall