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Open Space Committee minutes

Meeting date: September 7, 2007

Attending: Dick Hatfield, Peter Ashton, Andy Magee, Karen O'Neill, Charlie Carlson,

Staff attending: Tom Tidman and Catherine Fochtman

Meeting opened at 7:35 AM in Town Hall.

1. Andy Magee reported that the CPC has started its meetings and will have a closing date of Nov. 10th for **Community Preservation Act proposals**. This year Acton will get a full (100%) match for a total of ~ \$1.4 million. Next year, the funds coming to Acton will be considerably less due to the softer real estate and refinancing markets.

Next steps: Open Space Committee will want to discuss – at the next meeting – what proposals to present to the CPC and what “set aside” funds we would like to propose.

2. Peter Ashton provided an update on the **Open Space and Recreation Plan**. He has received feedback to the Open Space and Recreation survey and will be ready to distribute it to the public soon (Target for October). Peter and MaryAnn Ashton are also starting the editing process on the plan and will be asking members of this committee (as well as others) to assist with the writing work.

Next Steps: Peter and Tom will meet to discuss funding the survey (mailing and email)

Properties and land assessments:

Andy reported there are a number of CR's and land assessments in the works (including ACT's work with the Farm, as well as the Groener property).

- Mr. Donohoe has asked the ConsComm to accept 8 acres on Willow street in exchange for an earlier easement agreement associated with a ConComm filing.
- Magee parcel has been purchase by the town as a municipal property.
- 2 CR's as Laurel Ridge are being finalized and will be held by SVT and /or the Conscomm
- In process – Susan Mitchell – Hardt and SVT are working with **Stonefield Farm**. ACT has a Sept. 19th meeting in place with Andrea Osbourne. Who will represent SVT with CC out on leave? Karen will check.
- In process - Susan Mitchell – Hardt and SVT are also working with **the Madden's**. Landowner wants an assessment and needs a formal wetlands flagging. Karen will check on SVT's status.
- Donald – Tom will call Dr. Mary Donald and suggest that he and Karen stop by to meet.

- Abutters to Groener property – 10 acres – have expressed interest in doing a similar deal. ACT is working on this.
- Kennedy parcels – The title information is still in process and will be done within 2 weeks. However, all are in agreement that we need to re-start the dialog with the family soon. Peter and Andy will coordinate discussions vis-à-vis others.
- Prison / Rt. 2 lands – Andy received a call recently from Pam Resor's office. Work is still in process as there is a need to clarify some of the land leasing issues. The Bill is in legislative committee and we should hear more information soon.

Voted to approve of minutes of July 27, 2007

Next meeting: Friday, October 12, 2007 , at 7:30 AM in Town

Meet adjourned at 8:30 AM