

Acton Open Space Committee meeting

November 3, 2006

FINAL – (approved on Nov. 17th)

Attending: Andy Magee, Peter Ashton, Dick Hatfield, Karen O'Neill, Jane Ceraso, Tom Tidman, Susan Mitchell Hardt

Meeting opened at 7:40 AM

1. Minutes of Oct. 19th were approved.

2. Andy opened discussion about Conservation restrictions on selected conservation land:

As previously discussed, there is more research that needs to be done on the parcels. We had hoped to use the State of the Town meeting to assess public opinion about the concept of permanently protecting the town conservation lands.... However, it is important to do more detailed research on the current level of protection and review deeds and titles before reviewing this concept at the State of the Town.

Questions to research:

- What is the status of the Article. 97 bill that Pam Resor is sponsoring? ACTION: Dick will call.
- What is the current status of all the conservation parcels? Review the deeds and town meeting minutes. ACTION: Charlie will research and outline a process for all of us to do this research.
- What information do we have about how the parcels were acquired? Review Open Space Plan. ACTION: Tom will also review Engineering office.

3. CPA funds and CPC progress regarding open space:

- ACT had begun working with the Groener's. Don Johnson is now in negotiations with the Groener's for an open space purchase. It may be possible to use previous set aside funds.
- Magee land in north Acton. May be purchased as general municipal with general funds.
- Motion was made to write a proposal to the CPC for additional set aside funds in the amount of \$450K for Open Space projects. Motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.
- Madden land: Susan Mitchell Hardt discussed with landowners and walked the property. ACT will continue discussions – finding out what the landowners expectations are for a back land sale.
- No news or change on Donald or Kennedy parcels.
- Brucewood – ACT is talking to landowner.

Susan Mitchell Hardt shared information about 3 grant applications.

Next meetings:

Nov. 17th and Dec. 1st, both at 7:30 AM

