

Swanzy Open Space Committee
2/13/07 meeting minutes

*Minutes are not final until reviewed and approved by the Open Space Committee.
Review and approval of minutes generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.*

Attendance: Victoria Barlow, Nancy Carlson, Deb Crowder, Katherine Feist, Jeanne Thieme, Bud Winsor. Town Planner Carbonneau was unable to attend.
The meeting convened at 5:00 p.m.

Guests/members of the public None present.

Status of current land protection projects

Lily Pendleton

Monadnock Conservancy Board reviewed and enthusiastically approved the project.
Motion by Feist to approve expenditure of approximately \$4,275 in payment to MC for transaction costs. Second by Crowder. All in favor.
Motion by Feist to approve expenditure of approximately \$1,500 by Pendleton to cover attorney fees. Second by Crowder. All in favor.

Martin Brook watershed

Motion by Winsor to hire appraiser John Newcombe (Monadnock Appraisal Company) for approximately \$600 to prepare an estimate of the value per acre of Martin Brook watershed acres with typical easement restrictions in place. Second by Thieme. All in favor.
Committee members agreed to test use of payment of a percentage of development rights for a year, and re-visit in February 2008.

Jean Blood

Motion by Feist to cover attorney fees incurred by Jean Blood for protecting her Sawyers Crossing acreage with a conservation easement. Second by Winsor. All in favor. Crowder will collect the invoice.

Liaison reports, if warranted by recent activity

SM - Carlson reported that SM mentioned OS in their Town Report. SM have authorized creating a pull-out parking area for improved access to public trails on Honey Hill.
CIP - Barlow reported that an Open Space presentation will be requested at a future CIP meeting.
OS Advisory - Thieme e-mailed Advisory members to encourage the attendance at the deliberate session. She will prepare a first quarter report for members.

Status of assignments + projects

Web page - We lack technical expertise. Can Sara help with this? Bruce Barlow?

Project management worksheet, communications log - Feist listed steps of MC process, which she will set up as a chart. She would like to include time estimates for steps.

Protection of 3 town-owned lands - Carlson and Winsor are working from tax parcel maps to determine which town-owned lands have highest priority. At first assessment, the Carpenter Home land (Mount Caesar) and the Belding cemetery land are at the top of the list. They note that the

Hanrahan Family Conservation Easement Area appears to be owned by town, with the town managing the easement.

March postcard - Thieme, Barlow. Thieme has cover art. Barlow presented draft text for Committee review.

Oxen initiative - Barlow, Thieme. Thieme and Barlow will meet with Old Homestead Association on Tuesday, 2/13, to request their participation in the joint initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria Barlow