

**Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Thursday, September 15, 2011
7:00 PM, Essex Elementary School**

Present: Julie Scofield, Leslie Burns, Tammy Gardner

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY TAMMY AND VOTED
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2011 MEETING.**

I. Essex Trails Brochure

Text:

- Leslie confirmed that our earlier suspicions over parking at Point Path are correct; not only is there inadequate parking, what there is appears to be on private property. For this reason and unless we are able to find a way around the problem, we recommend pulling the Point Path reference from this first version of our brochure.
- Need for an overview map; up until now we have had only the graphic artists “for-position-only” map and in order to move forward, we need our own cross-reference map of Essex. Leslie will check with ECGA to see if they can provide us with something.
- Julie will write the common-sense disclaimer copy with the central message for all walkers to be “mindful of their surroundings” in the event that our descriptions are less than perfect.
- Julie will also try to get a second mock-up of the brochure using the new pictures and revised text (with appreciation to Lysa).

Photos:

- Keep the Agassiz Rock picture, the one with a man in it (for scale)
- Choate # 25 is the winner
- Sally Soucy #4070
- ME Woods #3370
- Stavros #3402
- Cover shot is still in question
- Find room for the sailboat, and the cottage too!
- Leslie will take pix of the view from Cox Reservation

II. Long Term Planning Committee (LTPC) is using some good maps (and an owners’ page) for its discussion about protection-worthy parcels of land in Essex; Leslie will secure copies of those maps for our own discussions of same.

III. Adjournment at 8:30 PM

**Our next meeting will be on Thursday,
Oct. 13, at 7:00 PM in the
Staff Conference Room of Essex Elementary School.**