

Minutes for Open Space Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010
7:30 p. m., Staff Conference Room, Essex Elementary School

Present: Julie Scofield, Lysa Leland, Leslie Burns, Maria Burnham, Mark Renzi of Choate St.

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY JULIE AND VOTED
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE DEC. 16, 2009 MEETING.**

- I. We discussed the fact that none of our contacts on the Planning Board (PB) has notified us about a Conomo Point zoning discussion.
- II. Mark Renzi, his capacity as a private citizen, asked to talk with us about a zoning initiative for the Choate Street area of Essex. Mark's interest has been triggered by the relatively large number of properties that are for sale nearby.
 - A. By way of background, we reviewed the process of getting the Scenic Bylaw/Overlay District proposal of 2008 in front of the town, as well as efforts to try again in 2009.
 - B. Mark plans to speak with his neighbors on Choate Street about backing a project to limit Development.
- III. The Open Space trails brochure was discussed next.
 - A. We need to finish the copy for the brochure.
 - B. Julie will email copies to all of us once it is collated.
 - C. Everyone thought making pocket parks downtown was an idea we could perhaps help with, including funding.
 - D. Julie will distribute the draft brochure as it is now.
 1. Leslie will finish her sections – Agassiz Rock and the Centennial Grove Trail.
 2. Once all sections are in draft form at least, Julie will lay out the copy and send it to us for proofreading.
- IV. Changes to the Open Space Plan's **Action Plan** for two-year extension
 - A. Reflect ideas in the Long Term Planning Committee (LTPC) report, i.e.
 1. Install pocket parks in parts of the Village
 2. Purchase the "Paglia Plot" on the west side of the Causeway & negotiate improvements to the Spar Pond, owned by Ed Perkins
 3. Install a transient dock, boardwalk & viewing platform on the Causeway between Ed Perkin's last dock & the former Conomo Café
 4. Upgrade the Town Landing
 - B. Julie & Maria will meet on updating the Open Space Action Plan.
 - C. Julie will speak with members of the LTPC about using their objectives for the Open Space Plan and how we can help support them.
 - D. Maria will copy the LTPC report for Tammy.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.
- VI. **Our next meeting will be on Tues., Feb. 9, 2010 at 7:30 p. m., in the Staff Conference Room of the Essex Elementary School.**