

**Minutes for Open Space Committee (OSC) Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, 7:30 p. m.,  
Staff Conference Room, Essex Elementary School**

Present: Julie Scofield, Lysa Leland, Tammy Gardner, Leslie Burns and Maria Burnham

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY TAMMY AND VOTED  
TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPT. 21, 2010 MEETING.**

I. Old business

A. Sally Soucy Nature Trail at Centennial Grove

1. The Committee put up signs & checked the trail at 8 a. m. on 9-30-2010.
2. Leslie reported that we need 2 more arrows and a "Trail continues along ball field." sign.

B. New Centennial Grove Committee

1. Leslie reported on the 2 meetings and site review they had since our last meeting.
2. Leslie is the chair of that committee.

C. Conomo Point Trail

1. Lysa reported that the Conomo Point Trail is open to the public.
2. Lysa will confirm whether or not it is all on public land.
3. Julie will confer with Essex County Trail Association about their involvement in the trail.

D. Trails brochure - we will work on this at our next meeting.

E. "Friends of Open Space"

1. The committee made additions and corrections to Julie's composite email list.
2. Julie distributed the composite voting list and will merge it with the email list.

II. New Business

A. Museum Walking Tour of Downtown

1. Leslie has a copy of the early edition.
2. It would be a good complement to the town's recreational trails brochure.
3. Maria will ask if anyone at the museum will update it and/or let us use it.
4. It could be a good link to the museum web site from ours.

B. The informational meeting on the Town Building Committee held at the Senior Center on Oct. 5 was discussed.

1. The Building Committee's conclusion to locate a new police station on the cemetery lot on John Wise Avenue is not a wise one.
2. This is an historic early section of Chebacco/Essex
3. The neighborhood characteristics will disappear; no one wants to live in a commercial area.
4. Not enough details are in the Request for Proposals to make accurate estimates of cost,
5. There is not an adequate discussion of the Town Hall.
6. The "Wish Lists" of the Police & Fire Departments have not been pared down to reasonable requests.

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C. A hearing for the Town Building Committee will be held on Oct. 25.

D. The next Town meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010

III. At 9:30 p. m. the meeting was adjourned.

**Our next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 at 7:30 p. m. in the  
Staff Conference Room of the Essex Elementary School**