

Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee
Weds. November 12, 2003
Room 230 Town Hall

Present: Rita Biagioni, Sarah Foss, Art Lazarus

Prospective Member: Jessica Cajigas

Rita called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

We gave Jessica a brief overview of the charge of the Committee, and some of the projects we are involved with.

Art reported that a sign for the Hartwell Property has been installed. Art, Charles Tirone and Ray Grande spent some time cleaning up debris that was creating a stoppage in Beaver Brook (under the bridge) on the property. The threesome also met with NEFF and learned how to use the GPS system that NEFF owns. The entire area of the Prouty land and Morgan property has been recorded and NEFF will digitize the data.

NEFF is still moving into the Prouty home, and expects to be fully in operation by early December. They will host an open house on 12/11.

The Trust has submitted a conservation restriction for about 13 acres of the Smith land on Whitcomb Ave to DCS. They expect it to be accepted by Dec. 31st.

Art reported that a resident of the Mary Shepherd development has offered to build a ramp to the common areas of the land, to facilitate the use of mowing equipment. The common areas have not been left in the condition promised by the developer. Art will contact the Planning Board to ask about holding the developer's bond.

Art led the Cobb property tour on 11/3. About 25 people attended, and the walk was well received. Rick Findlay and Art took the Cobb family on a private tour on 11/8. The family members seemed to be pleased with the Trust's undertakings. Art feels that some of the conditions on the conservation restriction at Cobb's are complicated and will be difficult to implement.

Our next plan of action for the Open Space Plan will be to contact the various boards charged with implementing certain aspects of the Plan, to encourage them to take action with their respective charges.

Rita reported that the Town of Acton has increased the no-build zone in their wetlands bylaw to 100 feet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37. The next scheduled meeting will be on Weds. Dec 10*, at 7:30 in the Conservation Commission Office.

(*Dec. 10th meeting cancelled, due to scheduling conflicts.)