

Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee
Weds. Sept 10, 2003
Room 230 Town Hall

Present: Rita Biagioni, Peter Church, Sarah Foss

Guests: Giana Biagioni, Barbara Chapin, Don MacIver, Tim Storrow,

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

The presentation of the Prouty purchase at Town Meeting was discussed. Tim Storrow will present Article 5 for NEFF. Members of the Board of Selectmen, and Finance Committee will present for the Town. (Speakers to be determined.)

There was some discussion of the language of Article 5. It is written so that it hinges on the Town getting the \$500 K grant from the Self-Help funds, otherwise it will be voided. Tim Goddard is aware of this, and will see if there is a way to change the wording.

Articles 6 and 7 (conservation restriction to be held by NEFF on the Morgan property, and APR funding) were also reviewed. We feel that they are not imperative to the passing of Article 5 and might serve to confuse the attendees at Town Meeting. It might be wise to postpone them until a future Town Meeting. We will offer this advice to the Selectmen.

There will be a public informational meeting on Monday Sept. 15th in room 103. The Selectmen and Tim Storrow will present information regarding the Prouty purchase, and answer any questions.

(*The following is an update received via e-mail from Art)

*Art has been asked to talk about conservation at the Sept. 23 Rotary meeting. He'll be presenting land management info. They are interested in doing a community project involving conservation. He has an idea for them; to research and prepare a brochure on short easy walks in the conservation lands for people recovering from illnesses and injuries.

Jim Clyde says he will be able to mow the fields for us this year. He says he is behind but can do it without us trying to get additional funding from Con Comm.

Art has spoken to all 8 new land stewards and met with 4 of them so far, within the last couple of weeks.

Art thinks all of the LCT Trustees got invitations to the NEFF Annual Foundation Leaders Reception and Dinner in Oct.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:50. The next scheduled meeting will be on Sept 24, at 7:30 in the Conservation Commission Office.