

Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee
Weds. October 27, 2004
Room 230 Town Hall

Present: Rita Biagioni, Jessica Cajigas, and Art Lazarus

Rita called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

No meetings were held on September 22nd or October 13th.

An update of recent events includes:

The September Hartwell Property walk was cancelled due to inclement weather; however, the Prouty Woods walk in October was very well attended. Art Lazarus had scheduled and conducted these walks on behalf of the Open Space Committee, the Conservation Trust and the Conservation Commission.

NEFF also conducted the Prouty Woods dedication during the month of October. Approximately 30 people attended the dedication.

Sarah Foss reported that she had witnessed a Littleton Police Officer pulling over a young adult riding a motorcycle who appeared to be trying to access some private conservation land in the Harwood Ave./Tahattawan Rd. area. This area has had some trespassing from motorized vehicles.

In a conversation with Matt King of the Police Department, he had informed Rita that they were still planning on installing the surveillance camera at the end of Colonial Drive – they had just been very busy and were still planning on doing this to obtain footage of the vandals defacing signs, dumping trash, etc. at that location. Recent vandalism according to Art included destroying the sign, rocking bridge off it's moorings, building a fire on the wooden bridge, and building a fort/hut in a vernal pool area.

Art had many things to share at the meeting that he had been working on:

- The Morgan Land boundaries have been marked
- The planned 40B on Newtown Hill will abut town land and trust land. With the excavation that is required on this site it could adversely affect the water table and the water supply to the water tower. Savas Danos is also very involved and concerned about this ill-fated project.
- Cobb Land update –
 - The scouts will be building a 110' boardwalk at the Nashoba Road entrance to the property.
 - Jim Campbell has finished the maps and put them on the Trust's website.
 - The clean up of the property is progressing
 - A survey will be completed on November 1 of the Trust's property boundaries on the Cobb parcel
 - A new sign will be installed on October 28
 - Emily Cobb is donating another lot to the Trust comprised on ~4-5 acres
- Bumblebee Park – a neighbor of the Park has donated 1.6 acres to the Town to expand the park.
- Hartwell Property – new sign to be installed on October 26. “No motorized vehicles” signs to be installed soon.
- The BOS are revisiting the 500 town-owned parcels again with the institution of a subcommittee to study the situation – Rita has asked Tim Goddard for additional information on this subcommittee and their activities.
- He is writing an article on improving conservation land in Littleton for the Trust newsletter.
- The Trust is renting some space from NEFF to store 40+ years of Trust records, maps, CRs, etc.
- The Trust Trustees have donated \$25K to NEFF to support the Prouty purchase

Rita inquired of the BOS when the next special town meeting would take place. This was the meeting where the two bylaws the group wanted to be re-written would be voted on. BOS's office indicated the meeting would most likely be in January or February.

She has also requested copies of the CR notebook that Pete Church put together for NEFF. The committee would like to have several copies for reference, and to use as a model, when working on other projects.

Additionally, she asked Tim Goddard for more information on the subcommittee the BOS are organizing to discuss, review, and deliberate on the fate of the ~500 town-owned parcels.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on **November 10th** at the Conservation Commission office at 7:30 pm.