

Hamilton Open Space Subcommittee
Minutes of Meeting of November 17, 2015
Meeting Held at Hamilton Town Hall

Members Present: Nancy Baker, Gretel Clark, Jacqueline Hodge, Emer McCourt,
Zachary Peters, George Tarr

Also in attendance: Susanna Collorodo-Mansfield

Ms. Baker opened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 28, 2015 meeting were approved.

Sagamore Hill Project

Follow up and next steps with Essex County Greenbelt were discussed. Gretel indicated that she would distribute the remaining handouts in public buildings, e.g., the town library. Zach agreed to contact Chris Lapointe to ask about the Conservation restriction wording and develop a punch list of what is needed.

Gretel reported that she had discussed the status of the trails at Sagamore Hill with Susan Lawrence of the Essex County Trails Assn. and Gretel Clark recommended that Susan be invited to an OSC meeting soon.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP)

A discussion of Open Space definition led to acknowledgement that the definition should be consistent with policies and bylaws. The goals of the OSRP also were discussed.

The members provided several comments, and it was decided to allow more time to further review the draft OSRP, based on information from Jim Hankin that the OSRP was no longer on a strict schedule for completion.

Land Acquisition Policy (LAP)

The Members discussed the need to notify large landowners of workshops and opportunities to protect open space. It was agreed to get a good list of these landowners with email addresses. Jackie Hodge agreed to provide a list of Chapter 61 properties to Susanna Collorodo Mansfield in order to confirm that our list is up-to-date and obtain contact information.

The members also felt it was important to have a member on the LAP criteria development committee in order to provide input. Gretel Clark was tasked with obtaining and distributing a final copy of the policy.

Mission Statement

Additional changes were recommended for the Mission Statement. Zach Peters agreed to make the changes and redistribute the updated Mission Statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.