

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 13 2015, at 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Annex**

**Members in attendance:** Stephanie Cunningham (SC), Lawrence Neal (LN), Ted Tarr (TT)

**Members absent:** Peter Van Demark (PV)

**Guest in attendance:**

Zenus Seppala

**730PM Meeting called to order**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by SC and it was seconded by LN to approve the March 9, 2015 minutes. The motion passed on a 3/0 vote.

**Open Discussion:**

None

**Discussion on Land Protection:**

Chris LaPointe, the new head of land protection for Essex County Green Belt has started his job. The Con Com intends to invite him to one of their meetings for introductions and discussion of reviews and approaches for going forward with Rockport open space issues. The OSRC and ConCom feel a renewed push is needed to better educate all in the many economic, environmental advantages and importance of protecting Open Space as a planning tool.

**OSR Plan Review:**

The high interest parcel list has been reviewed. It was requested to distribute to committee info from last short list (LN). Many of those land owners have been contacted but we have found little interest from them in selling or protecting their land.

Committee to consider other possible approaches to developing short list of focus for land protection.

**GIS and Trail Mapping:**

SC has acquired the trail location app. She has started to use to record of some of trails. Trail from "Kelley's Road" to transfer station flooded and still not defined. Will try again as woods dry

Cape Ann Trails is working with Rockport Con Com, Essex County Green Belt and Gloucester schools to possible establish Kiosk trail maps at Thomas Road (Waring field) and at Pine pit parking area.

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**Next Actions on OSR Plan:**

Review distributed short list parcels of high interest material for update.  
Incorporate Woodland acres as one 45 Acre parcel into Open Space Plan.

**Future Meeting Dates and Topics:**

Next meeting: 11 May 2015 Discussion of top (short list) Private parcels for protection, Meeting at Town Hall Annex

**Motion to Adjourn:** 9:50PM LN motioned to adjourn, SC seconded. Vote passed 3/0

These minutes prepared by LN