

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting
Monday, July 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:
Tom Mikus

730PM Meeting called to order

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by LAN seconded by SC to approve the April 13, 2015 minutes. The motion passed on a 3/0 vote. A motion was made by LAN seconded by SC to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes. The motion passed on a 3/0 vote.

Open Discussion:

Tom Mikus has done considerable work on locale trail locations and related data for Rights of Way committee. He has prepared a web page and link connections so information would be readily available to the public. A meeting is scheduled with BOS to review what has been done and how to go forward. Town still seems to need more activity to become anywhere near up to typical with social media and web page.

Discussion on Land Protection:

General discussion about current activity. This included Essex County Green Belt's work with locale land owners of high interest parcels and the ConCom. Also discussed latest Long Beach sediment study and its recommendation for a beach nourishment project. Still expecting a renewed push by ECGA, ConCom and OSRC in the fall 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 smart phone app. She is using it to record of some of trails that she uses. Trail from "Kelley's Road" to transfer station flooded and still not found. With years of over grown plants it is very difficult to nail down where this trail was. I will

check with a frequent users 10 years ago and ask if he will rough mark its location with paint or markers so that it can be evaluated for future use.

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Next Actions on OSR Plan:

Review distributed short list parcels of high interest material for update.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics:

Next meeting: 10 Aug 2015 Discussion of top (short list) Private parcels for protection, Meeting at Town Hall Annex

Motion to Adjourn: 9:00PM LN motioned to adjourn, TT seconded. Vote passed 3/0

These minutes prepared by LN