

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting
Monday, September 15 18, 2014, at 7:30 PM
Town Hall Annex**

Members in attendance: Lawrence Neal (LN), Peter Van Demark (PV), Ted Tarr (TT)

Members absent: Stephanie Cunningham (SC)

Guest in attendance: Millard Ring, Eric Hutchins

7:30PM Meeting called to order

Approval of Minutes:

Will be done at next meeting.

Open Discussion:

Millard Ring, member of Rockport Forest Fire Department, attended to hear the update of trail map progress. He suggested at fire roads intersections the identification and location is an important reference when working fires in woods. Signs maybe useful at intersections. We noted that the South Woods is primarily private property, and the town cannot post intersection signs without landowner approval.

Eric Hutchins attended meeting for an update on our trail mapping activities. He asked about our process and specifically our interaction with the Cape Ann Trails organizations efforts. He offer his time to do an edit review of any trail information we have.

He also offered to help with the reviewing for accuracy, that the requirements of the town By- laws is properly applied in any quoted estimates for the development value of land parcels we are considering for open space or conservation protection.

Land Protection Activities:

LN discussed that Paul Bryant had recently told him that the estimate of the development value of land he was considering for a Conservation Restriction with Essex County Greenbelt should be done in the next month.

We discussed access to Lane Farm Way and how rights varied depending on the specific parcel that you owned. TT felt it is important to have vehicle access for maintenance. Eric thought limited access for that maintenance should happen but the area should not be opened to general public vehicle access. LN has concern with the mixing of vehicles and people on horseback on road, and agrees with limited access of vehicles to area. It was pointed out there is good access from adjacent school property with parking.

OSR Plan Review:

PV continues editing work to complete updates. This includes Section's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (parcels of interest will be reviewed by committee), 6, and 7

No parcel review this meeting of the lands of interest for protection that are listed in the Open Space and recreation report.

GIS and Trail Mapping:

Discussed process and progress with the guest in attendance

Membership:

With resignation of Matt Cegelis a new member is needed. His enthusiastic efforts was noted.

Planning Board Request:

Planning Board would like an update on actions in Downtown Master Plan assigned to OSRC. Our committee members did not remember this requirement or input in developing. Will discuss when all members are present.

Next Actions on OSR Plan:

Next meeting will be in the Town Hall Annex with the use of the projector for display of available data to review and establish new "short" parcels of interest priority list.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics:

LN will query members to change from our 3rd Monday of month to other availability of members. Next meeting not scheduled.

Motion to Adjourn: 8:30PM LN motioned to adjourn, PV seconded. Vote passed 3/0

These minutes prepared by LN