

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014, at 7:30 PM
Rockport Public Library**

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

Members absent: Peter Van Demark (PV)

Guest in attendance: Paul Bryant

7:30PM Meeting called to order

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by LN and seconded by SC to approve the April 14, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 4/0 vote.

Open Discussion:

After seeing the published agenda that we are updating the parcels of high interest in the open space plan, Paul Bryant attended this meeting. He is the land owner of four parcels listed in the open space plan as high interest parcels. They are located between the public schools and the golf club. The land is primarily agricultural. Some of these fields have been leased to the Lane farm for 75 years. Mr. Bryant would like to develop some of the land for a residence but also work to protect the majority of the land with a Conservation restriction that would eliminate further building development. He would like continue to own the land and use it for agriculture. He would like to sell that restriction and hopes that between the town and Essex County Greenbelt (ECGB) raise the money to do his development work. He would include clear language for public walking and animal passage on "Farm Way" but the fields themselves would not be open to public. He is in contact with ECGB and working with Land Vest to establish the dollar value of this restriction. He invited our committee and ConCom to tour the property with him to show his plans.

All members are interested in the annual BOS reappointment to committee. LN forwarded info to BOS office.

Land Protection Activities:

South St. at Cape Hedge Beach transfer of ownership to town and to be managed by Rockport Conservation Commission has been completed at Salem Registry of Deeds.

OSR Plan Review:

PV not at tonight's meeting but emailed he 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

GIS and Trail Mapping:

MC and PV met with Matt Barrett (MB) the DPW GIS manager to discuss actions of common interest. MB can add two map layers to present PV trail information. One layer will be unrestricted view for trails considered open to public. The second layer will be password protected for staff only to show the trails over private land. MC, PV and MB will work develop this.

MC reported that ROW Committee is in discussions with Cape Ann Trail Stewards and ECGB for them to be the contact with land owners about access to trails that are used by the public but cross their land without owner permission.

TT offered to work with group to discuss his local knowledge of trails that should be captured in system.

Next Actions on OSR Plan:

Committee discussed its next activity. Members will review Section 5A Private Parcels. We will work on updating list of parcels of interest. We will invite Mel Michaels to the update meeting for his input and to go over actions taken. Next meeting committee members will start the review Section 5A.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics:

MC request regular meetings move to 3rd Monday of month. Members good with this. LN will contact the library to do the reschedule starting in June.

Next meeting: 16 June 2014 Discussion of Section 5A Private parcels

Motion to Adjourn: 8:55PM LN motioned to adjourn, MC seconded. Vote passed 4/0.
These minutes prepared by LN