

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30 PM  
Rockport Public Library**

**Members in attendance:** Lawrence Neal (LN), Peter Van Demark (PV), Ted Tarr (TT), Stephanie Cunningham (SC), Robert Rushton (RR)

**Other Rockport Citizens in attendance:** None

**7:36PM Meeting called to Order**

**Open Session:**

No comments

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by PV and seconded by TT to approve the Dec 3, 2012 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 5/0

**7:45PM** TT moved and LN seconded the calling for an executive session to discuss land protection activities. A roll call vote was held, each member approved. Before this session started, it was announced that the regular meeting would continue at the conclusion of the executive session.

**8:25PM** LN Motioned and TT seconded the end of executive session. A roll vote was taken, all members approved. We returned to regular session.

**Discussion of land protection progress and plan:**

PV reported that Chris Leahy, a noted bird expert with Mass Audubon, had commented on the importance to the bird population of the maintaining of Waring Field as an open field. Some local bird species require the wet field environment to exist.

TT asked that when we review land protection activities, the area along Atlantic path near the Hooper property is looked at to possibly reestablish the path that has been blocked by current owner.

**OSR plan review:** This list of members to review section was established.

Section 1 Plan Summary	Group after individual reviews
Section 2 Introduction	Group after individual reviews
Section 3 Community Setting	PV
Section 4 Environmental Inventory & Analysis	SC
Section 5 Inventory of Lands of interest	LN initial then with group
Section 6 Community Vision	RR
Section 7 Analysis of Needs	RR
Section 8 Goals and Objectives	Group after individual reviews
Section 9 Five (Seven) Year Action Plan	Group after individual reviews

### **Liaisons & Action items:**

Conduct a comprehensive trail and trail easement inventory and publish an official map of public trails.

TT did a review of the trail maps as currently compiled by PV. He found them to match his on the ground knowledge of the trail locations.

SC discussed with students their interest in recording with a GPS the trail locations and open space areas they frequent. They are very enthusiastic about doing that. The group regularly hikes, mountain bikes and rock climbs in several areas in town. They would need to do the GPS work over the next six months as most of the group are High School Seniors and will be moving on to college. SC will try to arrange a GPS recorder for them to use.

### **Future Meeting Dates and Agenda's:**

4 February and 4 March Meetings; OSR Plan review and update, list top (5-10) actions to pursue

1 April Meeting: Update the "Parcels of High interest" list

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

8:55PM LN motioned to adjourn, PV seconded. Vote passed 5/0

Minutes prepared by LN



# Rockport Open Space and Recreation Committee

Town Hall, Broadway Rockport, MA 01966

Stephanie Cunningham, Resident  
Robert Rushton, Economic Development Committee  
Peter H. Van Demark, Cartographer

Lawrence Neal, Conservation Commission  
Frederick H. Tarr III, Planning Board

February 4, 2013

Mary B. Francis  
Chairperson  
Community Preservation Act Committee

Dear Mrs. Francis,

Tonight the Rockport Open Space and Recreation Committee approved a motion to support the Millbrook Meadow Committee application to the Community Preservation Committee for CPA funds. The meadow and the pond area are a heavily-used park that is an historic site, a handy "back yard" for many community activities, and a popular recreation area for all ages. The application provides a well thought out process to restore the meadow and pond to a long-term, sustainable landscape.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Neal  
Chairman  
Open Space and Recreation Committee