Open Space/Master Plan Committee Minutes

Town Hall, Banquet Hall

Minutes of February 18, 2009

Members Present: Cheri Carty, Sarah Heller, Tim Simon, William R. Simpson

Members Absent: Gwen Broz, Phil Chaffey, Sharon Mahoney

No Guests Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Vice-Chair Bill Simpson. Cheri informed the committee that she had spoken with Jonathan and he will not be here due to the snow. As she works in Worcester, she offered to pick up any material he had intended to bring to the meeting.

A) Approval of Previous Minutes. Bill moved and Tim seconded approval of Feb 4 minutes. All in favor.

B) Correspondence. None

C) Treasurer's report. Cheri reported that we have received 2 new bills from CMRPC. One $388.77 (Housing); the second for $5074.45 (OSRP). We have paid a previous bill for $4836. We voted to table payment until Cheri receives our balance from the Town Treasurer.

D) Reorganization. We received with regret the news that Cindy Scott has resigned the committee due to family matters. We appreciate all she has done and hope that she can return when she is able. Bill was voted to be the new chair (Sarah moved and Cheri seconded). Tim was voted the new vice-chair (Sarah moved and Cheri seconded). All in favor.

E) Old Business. (1) Finding more members for the committee. We agreed to talk one-on-one with potential members. (2) Scheduling: We agreed to meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from now through June. (3) PR: Tim will write a summary of the committee's work and send to area news outlets. Sarah will get him the emails for newspapers that Donna Neylon uses. (4) Funding. We need to put a money article on the May Town Meeting Warrant. Sarah will find the wording we used last year so we can vote on it at our next meeting and get it to the Selectmen for inclusion.

F) Next Meetings: 6:30pm on March 4 and 18; April 1 and 15; May 6 and 20; June 3 and 17. Sarah filled out the posting slips for all these dates and left them in the Town Clerk's mailbox.

G) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Heller, Secretary

Date approved by the Committee: April 15, 2009

Date submitted to the Selectmen's office: April 28, 2009