

**Open Space/Master Plan Committee Minutes**  
**Town Hall, Banquet Hall**  
**Minutes of April 15, 2009**

**Members Present:** Gwen Broz, Sarah Heller, Tim Simon, William R. Simpson

**Members Absent:** Cheri Carty, Sharon Mahoney

**Guests:** CMRPC consultant: Rosemary Scrivens; Grant writer Carol Childress

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Bill Simpson.

**A) Approval of minutes.** Bill moved and Gwen seconded approval of the minutes for 2/18, 3/4, and 4/4. All in favor.

**B) Old Business**

1. **Money Article for Town Meeting on May 8.** We agreed that Bill and Carol would be prepared to speak at the ATM to explain why we need the \$10,000.
2. **OSRP.** We need to ask Trish what board in town signs off on the OSRP document. We need to get together with the Rec Committee to get their input on the Open Space plan.
3. **Mobile Homes.** Rosemary said that she had looked into the possibility of reclassifying mobile homes so that they would count towards affordable housing in Chp40B. Apparently every year a law is proposed in the legislature and every year it fails. It is not clear why this is the case. We need to clarify with the Assessors how taxation works for mobile homes.
4. **Housing Chapter.** Rosemary will produce a revised version of our goals and objectives based on Tim and Gwen's draft and our discussion at this meeting.

**C) New Business.**

1. **Planning Board Meeting.** At 7:10 pm, we met with the Planning Board. Bill explained that the Planning Board will need to sign off on the Master Plan and as such, they need to be as involved as possible in reviewing the drafts and providing their input. There was discussion about how the plan is implemented. Rosemary said that the Planning Board is very involved in that. It was also discussed that many towns have an MP implementation committee.

Several members of the PB said they would like the Assessors to digitize their parcel maps and have the zoning information keyed to the parcels so it is precise. Now the zoning map is from 1980's and not clear.

Bill said he will email copies of the Economic Development and Housing Chapters to the members of the PB. In addition, CMRPC will get us 5 copies of the Build-out map (Econ) and OSRP maps to pass on to the PB.

The Planning Board will meet to discuss the Econ. Dev and Housing Chapters at 7:15pm on April 21. Members of our committee are encouraged to attend to respond to questions and get their comments.

2. **Town Hall Barrier Removal Committee.** Bill met briefly with the committee which was holding a meeting at the same time as we were. They agreed to share their minutes with us and we will do the same. Sarah will work that out with Donna Neylon who is also on the Barrier Removal Committee.

3. **May Citizen Article.** Sarah will try to get an article done in time for the April 16 deadline.
4. **DLTA grant.** Carol recommended that the committee ask the Selectmen to send a letter now to CMRPC to ask for DLTA grant assistance for 2009, and to send another letter in Oct 2009 to ask for a DLTA grant for 2010. Carol also said that if we don't have the funding for the rest of the MP, we could do piecemeal, one chapter at a time. Sarah moved and Bill seconded that we follow up on Carol's suggestion. All in favor.

**D) Next Meeting:** 6:30pm on May 6. Trish will meet with us on OSRP and we will meet with the Planning Board on OSRP. Rosemary will continue to work with us on Housing. Other items may be included on the agenda.

**G) Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Heller, Secretary

Date approved by the Committee: 7/1/09

Date submitted to the Selectmen's office: 7/2/09