Open Space/Master Plan Committee Minutes
Town Hall, Banquet Hall
Minutes of May 20, 2009

Members Present: Gwen Broz, Sarah Heller, Tim Simon, Kevin Damon (arrived 7:10 pm)

Members Absent: Cheri Carty, Sharon Mahoney, William Simpson Jr.

Guests: CMRPC consultant Trish Settles; Conservation Commission Member John O'Leary (arrived 7 pm)

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Vice-Chair Tim Simon.

A) Minutes. No minutes were approved.

B) Proposal by Tim that each member focus on one chapter. Tim said that it is difficult to work on several chapters simultaneously and time is getting away from us. Bouncing from one chapter to another isn't working well. He suggested that each member be "in charge" of one chapter of the MP and work individually with the CMRP consultant to develop the draft. Then it would be brought to the committee as a whole to discuss and finalize.The other members present were in agreement and divided the chapters as follows: Economic Development – Sarah; Housing – Kevin; OSRP – Tim; Point Person – Gwen

C) Discussion about OSRP.

1. **Inclusion of QQ Lake Association.** Tim spoke with Judy Neilson, president of the association. They are pursuing a lot of initiatives with the Conservation Commission, including regional communication and action plans. The goal is to have a regional plan for improving water quality on the Quaboag River Corridor. We need to make sure the OSRP includes their work both in the text and the recommendations,
2. **There was a discussion about Goals for the OSRP.** Trish will incorporate our ideas into the next draft.

D) Question about June 30 deadline. Trish will look into whether the June 30th deadline for completion of the chapters in progress is flexible.

E) Next Meeting: 6:30pm on June 4. Trish will let Rosemary know that we are postponing meeting with her on Housing until June 18. We will meet again with Trish on OSRP and Tim will try to get people from the Recreation Committee to attend. Ron Couture of Historical is also scheduled to be at the June 4 meeting.

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