

# **Minutes of the Open Space Committee**

## **March 8, 2010**

**Members Present:** Ann Marie Pilch, George Johnson, James Keast, Cathy Tomasetti, Rachel Kane

**Members Absent:** Andy Reseska, John Vosburg

Meeting started at 7:35 PM

### **Minutes Approval:**

James Keast made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/8/10 (regular and executive sessions) as amended. Cathy Tomasetti seconded the motion which passed as follows: George Johnson - yes, Ann Marie Pilch - yes, James Keast - yes, Cathy Tomasetti – yes, Rachel Kane – abstained

### **Open Meeting Law:**

Ann Marie read ten potential changes to the Open Meeting Law that could be effective 7/1/10

### **Home Rule Petition:**

George has e-mailed Bullard Memorial Farm – they are still not sure as to exactly what they are looking for. They are questioning if they could put a “green” business in the area of the Conservation Restriction. George said that the town would want the tax revenue from any business there. So things are on hold for now. There was discussion as to whether the issue of Home Rule Petition may need to be brought up before Town Meeting again. George will be meeting with the Board again on 4/10/10.

### **Financial Issues:**

The \$14,000 from fiscal year 2008 that was being searched for was determined to be non-recoverable due to being in an account that was closed and transferred into Free Cash which was used to balance the budget. The accounts are now being watched closer by requesting balances frequently.

Cathy received no answers from the e-mail to the Town Accountant. She will e-mail again and call if no reply. Ann Marie needs the answers soon.

### **Warren Woods:**

Last Thursday the Save Warren Woods Committee had a meeting. Roberta Soolman opened the meeting with a well-organized speech about the value of the property and good arguments for obtaining the property. Bob Ford of Mass Audubon also spoke about why this property should be protected. Susan Crane, for the Sudbury Valley Trustees, offered their assistance. Then there was a question and answer session. Concerns were voiced about the costs involved.

As the deadline for CPC (Community Preservation Committee) funds request in Monday, 3/14/10, George will ask for an extension and explain why it is needed.

George Johnson made a motion to leave regular session and to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion the acquisition of real property. Rachel Kane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously as follows: George Johnson - yes, Ann Marie Pilch - yes, James Keast - yes, Cathy Tomasetti – yes, Rachel Kane - yes