

## **Minutes of the Open Space Committee September 13, 2010**

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

**Members Absent:** John Vosburg

### **Minutes Approval:**

George Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from 7/12/10. Rachel Kane seconded the motion which passed as follows: George Johnson - yes, Ann Marie Pilch - yes, James Keast - yes, Cathy Tomasetti – yes, Rachel Kane – yes, Andy Reseska – abstained

### **Land Transfer:**

George presented to the committee a 5 acre parcel near Hopping Brook that borders the Rail Trail which did not sell at the November 2009 land auction. It is inaccessible except through the Rail Trail. After discussing its value as open space, the committee decided that it would be best to request that this parcel be transferred from the Selectmen to the Conservation Commission through an article at Fall Town Meeting.

George made a motion to request a Town Meeting warrant article to transfer a 5 acre parcel (Map 4, Block 6, Lot 21) from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission for the purpose of conservation. Andy Reseska seconded the motion which passed as follows: George Johnson - yes, Ann Marie Pilch -yes, James Keast - yes, Cathy Tomasetti – yes, Rachel Kane – yes, Andy Reseska – yes. Ann Marie Pilch will present this warrant at the Fall Town Meeting.

### **Funds Transfer:**

George wants to present another warrant at Town Meeting to recover the funds (approximately \$14,000) which was accidentally transferred from an Open Space account to Free Cash.

George made a motion to request a warrant article to transfer money from the Free Cash account to restore the money that was lost in the NSTAR deal. Cathy Tomasetti seconded the motion which passed as follows: George Johnson - yes, Ann Marie Pilch - yes, James Keast - yes, Cathy Tomasetti – yes, Rachel Kane – yes, Andy Reseska – yes.

### **Warren Woods:**

Ashland is still waiting for Northeastern's Trustees to formally accept Ashland's offer. Ashland is hoping to present this at their Fall Town Meeting. They plan to try to obtain more support for this project by passing out more pamphlets and having a couple more walks through the property this fall.

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 and not return to regular session. James Keast seconded the motion, which passed unanimously as follows: George Johnson - yes, Ann Marie Pilch – yes, James Keast - yes, Cathy Tomasetti – yes, Rachel Kane – yes, Andy Reseska – yes.