

Open Space Committee Minutes December 10, 2012

Present: David Schochet, Larry Flaccus, Cynthia Boettner, Rita Jaros, Tom Miner, Gene Butler, Norm Beebe

Accepted the minutes of November 26, 2012.

This is the official December meeting of the Committee.

All the surveys are in labeled envelopes with return envelopes and ready to be put through the postage process and mailed after the first of the year (Thank you David, Joel, Rita).

- ***David** will check with Terry on adjusting the date on the meter so they can be processed now and mailed later.
- ***David** will write the publicity release and get it to the Independent for the next issue.
- ***Larry** will contact Mary McClintock for her Recorder column.
- ***Rita** will distribute it to the Recorder for Just Neighbors and to Pat Leuchtman.
- ***David** will do a robocall after January 1.
- ***Cynthia** will prepare flyers and get them to Jim Stacy to be available at the transfer station
- ***Each OSRC member** will contact their forum outreach list of at least 10 people
- ***Tom** will create a group mailing list of Forum attendees and facilitators.
- ***David** will write a message thanking participants, updating them, and urging them to talk to/call friends/neighbors to return the survey
- ***David** will talk to Bev Neeley about setting up a visible box in Memorial Hall to receive returned surveys..
- ***David** will ask Kimberly (FRCOG) for help with data entry and developing workgroups for the goals and objectives/action plan.
- ***Larry** will ask the Select Board to put the OSRP survey at the top of the priorities list when asked to submit requests for funding to FRCOG -- the targeted cuts in the state budget may affect FRCOG.

MonkeySurvey has to be made accurate and be up and running. Kimberly (FRCOG) will do that this week.

Larry said that when data on agriculture comes back from the survey then we will have information on issues to discuss with the Ag Commission. We should try to enlist the Ag Commission to seek survey responses from their constituents. They should participate in the writing of the OSRP where it is particular to Agriculture.

Discussion ensued about how to help the Ag Commission become a more functioning committee since we often deal with issues that affect agriculture and the committee is fairly inactive and their representative to the OSC rarely attends

OSC meetings. Tom felt more outreach should have been made to the Commission before the Forum. Rita and Norm felt that significant outreach had been made.

Cynthia informed the meeting that Wendy (Sweetzer) Ferris is leaving Trustees of Reservations and is moving to Shelburne and going to work for the Franklin Land Trust. She is hoping to launch a regional OSC. She would like us to co-sponsor a workshop in Shelburne on land conservation, taxes, trusts.

***Cynthia** will tell her that we will cosponsor any educational workshops they want to have in the region.

Community Development Block Grant funding needs input from the OSC on community development priorities -- reviews, suggestions, and additions are requested.

***David** will add Update OSRP, Outreach Packets on land conservation to landowners. etc.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2012.

Ad hoc meeting(s) for the OSRP subcommittee will be called for earlier to review survey responses..

Adjourned 8:50 pm.
Submitted by Rita Jaros, Clerk