

MEETING NOTES, STERLING OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

May 22, 2008

Attendance: Brian Cline (chair), Marion Larson, Peder C. Pedersen (secretary), Sue Valentine. The meeting was called to order by Brian Cline at 7:32 PM.

NOTE: Since a quorum was not established, no formal minutes were taken of this meeting.

General Issues

The recently approved \$2675 budget was discussed along with different spending options, especially in terms of mapping issues.

Sue Valentine reported that an anonymous donor has offered \$3000 towards the establishment of a dog park. Suitable areas were discussed. Marion Larson proposed that this initiative be developed jointly between the *Recreation Committee* and the *Sterling Open Space Implementation Committee*. Sue offered to pull together information as to what constitutes a good dog park.

The question of OSIC's role in open space decisions was discussed. OSIC would like to consider recommending a general policy requiring the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to consult with: (i) *Conservation Committee*, (ii) *Planning Board* and (iii) *Sterling Open Space Implementation Committee*, in matters pertaining to open space.

On behalf of the First Church in Sterling, Brian attended recent Building Needs & Utilization Committee meeting to discuss Town access to the church-owned "town common".

It was agreed that Peder will submit to Melanie Clark four approved sets of 2008 minutes.

Peder will check with Maryanne MacLeod re minutes from OSIC meeting in April, as well as her notes from the Open Forum on March 25, 2008.

Marion Larson will write up her minutes for the May 8, 2008, meeting and then send to Peder.

Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update

A number of action items regarding the completion of the OSRP were discussed, as were the inclusion of maps and photos to be used.

Sue Valentine suggested that we first identify the specific photos that are needed (rather than just including available photos), and then mail, OSIC members a list of such needed photos.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peder C. Pedersen, Secretary