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Minutes 06/03/2009

Open Spaces Committee
Minutes 6/3/09

Present: Ann LeRoy, Joey Glushko, Patsy Kraemer, Lisa Decker, Elizabeth Karpati, David White.
Secretary pro tem: Jane Auger

Meeting called to order 7:30pm
Minutes from May meeting were reviewed. Additions, omissions and corrections will be made for review at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Town Website updates: Open Spaces Committee meeting agendas and minutes are now being posted on-line by Joey.

Mill Brook Linear Park: Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 16th at Town Hall, 7:30pm room TBA. Timing of application for Nat'l Park Service RTCA support will be discussed. Need updated letters of support from appropriate committees.

Management Plan Updates:

Arlington Great Meadows – David White reported on the FoAGM Meadow Habitat proposal. This would mitigate the progression of the meadowlands to forest through a program of culling overgrowth, removing invasive species, and scheduled mowing. Motivation is to preserve a variety of habitats and protect the woodcock breeding area. OSC supports the plan, which will be discussed at Conservation Committee and Board of Selectmen. A “site visit” walk-through is in the tentative planning stages.

Other management plan discussions were tabled.

Busa Farm purchase update: Lexington is planning to purchase Busa Farm. Meetings are being held as to potential uses for community farm land. OSC feels a letter of interest should be sent to Lexington Planning Board from Arlington Planning Board expressing our interest as an abutter.

Green Dog: warrant article was defeated at this year's Town Meeting, but may yet reappear...

A brief break was taken to enjoy the sunset...