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## December 2007 Minutes

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**Town of Arlington**  
**730 Mass. Ave., Arlington, Ma. 02476**

**MINUTES**  
**December 5, 2007**

**Present:** Ann LeRoy, Chair; Elizabeth Karpati, Joey Glushko, Patsy Kraemer, David White, Leslie Mayer

**Absent:** Michele Hassler, Jane Auger, Lisa Decker

The Open Space Committee met on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. The meeting commenced at 7:35 pm.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved, Elizabeth Karpati moved the motion, David White seconded.

Chairperson Ann LeRoy updated the committee on the status of the new Open Space Plan. She had checked with our consultant Ralph, who in turn had checked with the state office. The plan is currently being reviewed and we should receive a report within the next few weeks. Joey raised a concern that the grant which we will be using for printing costs must be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Joey will call a rep at the state to inquire about the time frame. We should be able to have a purchase order cut before the year is out.

The committee discussed the number of reports to print and decided on the following:

Selectmen's Office	8
Con Com	3
Recreation	2
Town Manager	1
Open Space	10
Library	2
Ralph	2
DPW	5
Vision 20/20	3
Planning/ARB	10

The committee agreed to print 50 copies of the full version.

The Committee also discussed the idea of preparing an executive summary for purposes of giving to Town Meeting members. We decided to print 500 copies of an executive summary.

The Committee identified some elements of the Action Plan that we can zero in on over the next few meetings. These elements included the following:

- a) invasives education
- b) Mill Brook as a linear park
- c) Land Trust – Open Space Inventory
- d) Disability Committee – a joint discussion
- e) Cooke's Hollow – plans for future development

Updates were given by committee members.

- \*Leslie reported that the Bishop Playground will be officially turned over to the town after construction is complete.
  
- \*She also reported that the Park and Rec Commission has been holding hearings on Hills Hill as a proposed site for a fire station.
- \*Leslie informed the committee that there have been a series of meetings on the proposed Green Dog Program. There was an introductory meeting and then specific neighborhood meetings. Brookline's Green Dog Program has been successful, continuing to evolve and make changes to enhance the success of the program.
- \*David discussed the Mill Brook linear park ideal. There is some thinking about opening up the field area above Cooke's Hollow to expose the Brook at that site. Ongoing maintenance of Cooke's Hollow is sorely needed. The Concom will be developing a proposal for the scope of work at Cooke's Hollow.
- \*David also told the committee that there has been a proposal from a member of the MIT solar team suggesting the establishment of a solar house at Mt. Gilboa. The Conservation Commission will have a hearing on this at their December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.