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Open Space Committee Minutes 11/03/2004

Open Space Committee
 APPROVED MINUTES
 MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2004

The Open Space Committee (OSC) met in the Town Hall Annex, First Floor conference room. Present at the meeting were Ann LeRoyer, David White, Elizabeth Karpati, Joey Glushko, Leslie Mayer, Roly Chaput, Adam Pachter, Patsy Kraemer, and guest Gary Pigg. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m.

1. **Minutes of October 6** meeting were reviewed and approved by vote. Leslie Mayer volunteered to take the December meeting minutes, and Roly Chaput will do the January ones.
2. **Update on Projects:**
 - a. **Symmes Redevelopment Project** - Roly Chaput reported:
 - (1) Five members of Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee (SNAC) have been appointed;
 - (2) Developer still working on what medical facilities will be on site.
 - b. **Minuteman Bikeway** – David White and Ann LeRoyer reported:
 - (1) Arlington Green Streets removed some Japanese Knotweed and did some planting as well
 - (2) Joey Glushko sent a letter regarding Muzzioli actions on the Bikeway
 - (3) **Action:** Ann LeRoyer will send a letter on behalf of OSC about Muzzioli activities to Town Counsel
 - c. **Arlington Ice Rink** – Patsy Kraemer reported, Leslie Mayer commented:
 - (1) Town has been leasing from MDC for nominal fee; hopes to continue arrangement in face of effort to privatize state-owned ice rinks
 - d. **Town Web Site** – Joey Glushko reported:
 - (1) OSC agendas and minutes are now on the Web Site
 - e. **Reservoir Dam project** – Leslie Mayer and David White reported:
 - (1) 55 trees (over 5 inches)* to be removed from on and around Reservoir Dam will have to be replaced elsewhere in town; plan will be drawn up for this.
 - (2) Reservoir Committee has talked about various bridge designs
 - f. **Knowles Farm and Lowell Street Subdivision** – Ann LeRoyer reported, Patsy Kraemer commented:
 - (1) Ann LeRoyer sent letter concerning project on behalf of OSC; Selectmen have not yet placed issue on their agenda but Patsy Kraemer thought issue had been briefly discussed at most recent meeting and Town Counsel was asked what authority Town had to implement any of OSC recommendations
 - g. **Town Hall Gardens** – Patsy Kraemer reported:
 - (1) Weekly work is being done, trying to control Asiatic invasive plants
 - h. **Arlington Land Trust** – Ann LeRoyer reported:
 - (1) Annual meeting will take place on December 6 at Fox Library; author Russ Cohen will speak
 - i. **Great Meadows** – Roly Chaput reported:
 - (1) Photographer Harvey (Bud) Cote had been complaining of overgrowth and had done some clearing of Japanese Knotweed; Steering Committee had generally positive but cautious response
3. **Management Plan Subcommittees**

Goal is to review and discuss one Plan at each upcoming OSC meeting:

 - a. Reservoir – submitted - will be discussed at May 2005 meeting

- b. Minuteman Bikeway – submitted – will be discussed at February 2005 meeting
- c. Arlington’s Great Meadows – in progress – will be discussed at June 2005 meeting
- d. Robbins Farm Park – in progress – will be discussed at December 2004 meeting
- e. Spy Pond Park – submitted – will be discussed at January 2005 meeting
- f. Menotomy Rocks Park – submitted and discussed at November 2004 meeting – revised version will be circulated
- g. Mt. Pleasant Cemetery – submitted – will be discussed at April 2005 meeting
- h. McClennen Park – in progress – will be discussed at February 2005 meeting
- i. Town Hall Gardens – in progress – will be discussed at March 2005 meeting
- j. Meadowbrook Park – in progress – will be discussed at April 2005 meeting

4. Announcements and other projects

- a. Gary Pigg is seeking advice on protecting a lot from development; Ann LeRoyer made suggestions
- b. Roly Chaput reported on:
 - (1) Problem of multiple properties being built on single lots
 - (2) Neighbor interested in proper specifications for Little League field at McClennen Par
- c. Leslie Mayer reported that hearing would be held November 10 on lights at Buck Field

Respectfully submitted.
Adam Pachter