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Mansfield Open Space Preservation Committee Minutes for July 20, 2010

1. Chairman Jim Morrow called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM
2. Members present:
Jim Morrow, Quentin Kessel, Ken Feathers, Michael Allison, Vicky Wetherell and Steve Lowrey
3. Kessel/Allison: Motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2010, motion carried unanimously.
4. Public Comment: No public present.
5. No Executive Session
6. Old Business:
Dorwart Trail and connection to Nipmuck Trail: Jim reported that he had showed the Dorwart Trail and connector to Jen Kaufman. At this point they need to find funding for a small bridge needed on the connector and were hoping that the CFPA would take over construction.
7. New Business

Discussion regarding Committee Charge and needed members: The Town Council and the Committee on Committees needs to be aware that the OSPC needs to have members with diverse knowledge, but especially knowledge and experience in natural resources and land use. It was suggested that perhaps the Committee should have fewer positions to fill; 6 regular members, 1 specifically from the Conservation Commission and 2 Alternates. The charge from 1987 was reviewed; the Committee felt that the charge should be expanded to include such things as advising various town officials (including but not limited to the PZC , Town Council and Town Manager) in open space policies. The Committee will finalize its recommendations and send them to Town staff.
8. No reports
9. No communications
10. Other

Lowrey finds that life requires him to move to another town and so must resign from the Committee, effective at the end of this meeting. Chairman Morrow and Vicky Wetherell expressed regret that Steve Lowrey was relocating and would be unable to continue to serve the Town of Mansfield as a member of the Open Space Preservation Committee. The committee members were unanimous in expressing their gratitude to Steve for his important contributions to the committee during his years' of service.
11. No comment on future agendas

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12. Adjournment:

Lowrey/Kessel Meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Lowrey