

Open Space Committee

February 2, 2017

MINUTES



- I. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Carrie Rennie called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Also present was Mel Briggie and Sandy Venner
- II. **Final Steps for Open Space and Recreation Plan Approval:** Chair Rennie is ready to send the plan with all the letters of approval to DHCD. Once accepted by DHCD, hard copies of the plan will be available at the Library and Town Hall and posted on the Town website.
- III. **Update on Battis Road Parcel:** Essex Co. Greenbelt asked if the Committee would support using funds from the Open Space account toward the purchase of this property if ECGA is able to enter into a purchase agreement with the owner. The motion was made, seconded and supported by all to request an article be placed on the warrant at the Fall Town Meeting for \$10,000 to reimburse ECGA for purchase of the parcel if the sale goes through.
- IV. **Use of Expense line item:** The committee discussed use of the \$630 in the annual open space expense line item for printing copies of the Open Space Plan and to restore the kiosk for the entrance to the McLaren Trail off of Church St.
- V. **Other:** Member Venner reported that the Playground Committee submitted a request for an additional \$60,000 to the Capital Planning Committee to be voted at the Annual Town Meeting for a playground to be constructed at Stevens Field.
- VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.