

MINUTES - TOWN OF SOUTHEAST OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: April 25, 2007

Place: Town Hall

Time: 7:30PM

Attendance: Councilmen Richard Honeck; Town Assessor, Bill Ford and Advisory Committee members: Milly Nugent, Cherie Ingraham, Don Burrows, Ann Fanizzi, Kerry Cunningham, Jim DiBella.

Invited Guest: Jim Nordgren

- 1. Meeting Minutes- Discussion began with regard to the approval of the minutes taken from the January and March 07 meetings. The additions of tax map numbers were made to the January minutes referencing property that was recommended for consideration by the town for acquisition. The March meeting minutes were corrected to reflect one minor spelling error. Both monthly minutes were approved and will be submitted to the town.**
- 2. Past Meeting Minutes- Discussion began with regard to minutes missing from Public records. It was decided by all committee members present that previous meeting minutes and member notes taken, would be submitted to Jim DiBella. These meeting minutes and notes will be re-issued to the town.**
- 3. Grid Matrix- As discussed at the March meeting "Commercial Space" was added to the matrix. All committee members approved the new grid matrix with the recommended addition.**
- 4. Guest Speaker- At this point of the meeting Mr. Jim Nordgren was introduced to the above-mentioned members and guests in attendance by Ann Fanizzi. Jim was invited by the committee to tell us of his experiences regarding Open Space acquisition and the importance of a Bio-diversity corridor as it pertains to the environment. Jim explained in detail how the rating system his committee adopted gave value points to the criteria outlined on their grid matrix. He went on to explain that parcels should not only be rated by the value to the environment, consideration should be given to the location of Open Space as it pertains to the density of population in a given area. Jim went on to explain that a contiguous Bio-diversity corridor should be the goal of neighboring communities when acquisition of land is considered. He concluded his presentation with some helpful insight on how his committee pursued additional funds from the DEC, DEP, New York State and his local county government.**
- 5. Assessor's recommendation- Bill Ford gave us several parcels of land that could be considered for evaluation. (1) The Nelson Estate 236 acres (2) The Wald property 31 acres and (3) Dingle Ridge property 400 acres. Bill made these recommendations based on the criteria outlined in our rating system.**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted by Jim DiBella Secretary