

**MINUTES**  
***Dracut Open Space Committee Meeting***  
**January 8, 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Marianne Blanchet, Bruce Cote, Emile Demers, Bill Greenwood, Karen Merrill, Dave Sutherland and Selectmen liaison Tony Archinski.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Bruce opened this month's meeting of the Dracut Open Space Committee at 6:30PM in the Dracut Historic Society.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bruce announce that we have the town's request for the Open Space Committee Annual Report which is due to the town clerk by Friday February 13, 2015.

**REVIEW OF DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> MINUTES:**

Corrections and changes were made to the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dave moved to accept the minutes as amended. Bill seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:**

There was no update on possible scout projects.

**SITE VISITS:**

**Proprietors' Way** – Bruce reports that he asked the Assistant Town Manager about the town's official designation for this area in order to determine suitability for the use of CPC funds. We were told that the land is now considered by town counsel to be private property and that no municipal or CPC funds can be allocated for work or maintenance. Bruce forwarded the email with this information to members and to our Selectmen liaisons. After discussion, it was agreed that all work should cease immediately on this site. Several questions were raised regarding this land designation such as ownership, taxes owed, boundaries, abandoned land issue, etc. Tony agreed to discuss these issues with town counsel.

**McNamara Way** – No activities were reported at this site.

**Nickel Mine** – No activities were reported at this site.

**Rifle Range/Cross Road** – Bill visited the area and there were no issues to be reported.

**East Richardson Preserve** – Bill reports that a new road being opened in the golf course area will border this property and there appears to be an access way into the preserve, or a trail that parallels the preserve being created.

**Long Pond** – We discussed with Tony the scope of the 2014 Open Space Committee's activities regarding this site. This activity included a meeting with town counsel, information packets delivered to the Conservation Commission, a presentation to the Conservation Commission and discussions with the Assistant Town Manager. Tony noted that the town's attorney has the current action item, but Tony will follow up for a status update. Bruce also agrees to check with Conservation Commission for any status updates as well.

**Dracut Land Trust property on Broadway Road** – No activities were reported at this site.

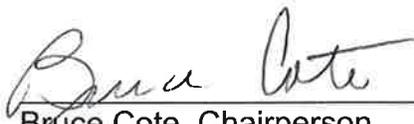
**2014 YEAR END REVIEW**

The committee reviewed the initial draft of the 2014 OSC Annual Town Report. Suggestions were made for additions and changes. Bruce will make the suggested modifications and email them to the committee for further consideration and we will make final revisions at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting for a timely delivery to the town clerk on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**THE DRACUT  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

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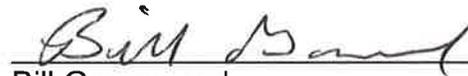
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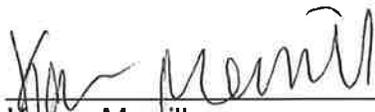
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