

**MINUTES**  
***Dracut Open Space Committee Meeting***  
**March 12, 2015**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Colleen Barclay, Marianne Blanchet, Bruce Cote, Emile Demers, Bill Greenwood, Karen Merrill and Dave Sutherland. Graphic Arts Director from the Greater Lowell Technical High School, Rene "Butch" Dion attended some of the meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Bruce opened the March 2015 meeting of the Dracut Open Space Committee at 6:30PM in the Dracut Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Bruce notified the committee of two upcoming conferences. One was the MA Open Space Conference which will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The second is the Land Conservation Trust which he and Dave attended last year.

Karen reports that Tony Archinski spoke about our committee at the last Selectmen's meeting and was very complimentary about how hard we work and how much we accomplish.

**REVIEW FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES:**

After review and discussion of the minutes of the February meeting, Bill made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Karen seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

**OSC TRAIL GUIDE DESIGN REVIEW:**

The committee reviewed the brochure draft and options with Butch. The committee sampled three types of paper that we could choose from and we chose a semi-gloss finish. The cost of the guide being printed on this will be \$380 for 500 guides. For the logo, the committee reviewed the designs offered by the Greater Lowell Technical High School Graphic Design students. We asked Butch to look into combining aspects of some of these designs to create a new one. We reviewed the text and made several changes and corrections. Butch will take these back to his student to be re-designed. Bill and Bruce agreed to submit new paragraphs, and the committee reviewed several pictures of our properties and we chose six for the front cover. We discussed ways to enlarge and highlight the map, and Butch agrees to work on this too.

**DRACUT BIRTHDAY EVENT**

Karen stated that she believes that many people may have come if they knew they didn't have to snowshoe or ski. The committee, family, and other community members attended. All members agreed that it was a beautiful day for walking/snowshoeing, and it was a good experience, and we hope to make it an annual event celebrating Dracut's birthday.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Karen reports that prior to attending the most recent finance committee meeting as planned, she spoke to Town Manager Jim Duggan. They came to the agreement that a later meeting would be scheduled with them, town council and Louise Tremblay, chairperson of that committee. It is as yet unclear which topics she will specifically address, but public remarks made about our committee allegedly not following Open Meeting Laws may come up.

### **SITE VISITS**

Long Pond – Emile reports that he recently visited this parcel and found that the vehicles were gone. He did not walk the path.

No other site visit reports were offered this month.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 Colleen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Upcoming Open Space meetings are scheduled for the following dates.

Thursday, April 9, 2015 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, at 6:30PM

Thursday, May 14, 2015 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, at 6:30PM

Thursday, June 11, 2015 in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, at 6:30PM.