

Open Space Committee / Minutes of April 12, 2012 Meeting
7 p.m. Peterborough Town House

Present: Debby Kaiser, Ed Henault, Francie Von Mertens, Alex Walker

February and March minutes were approved. Alex Walker will post to town web page.

Members went over the spreadsheet of properties ranked for their natural resource values. The list was updated as several of the properties have been conserved, and new priorities were discussed.

It was agreed that the town can't compete with market value when seeking to conserve priority land, but that the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve Fund at about \$440,000 is adequate to assist landowners who desire to place their land under conservation easement.

With that in mind, properties were further prioritized where funding assistance was most likely to have an impact, and outreach to landowners charted.

Under old business, progress has not been made recruiting new members of the Committee. Von Mertens will alert Conservation Commission members to enlist their assistance.

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