

Open Space Committee / Minutes of August 11, 2011 Meeting
7 p.m. Peterborough Town House

Present: Alan Bannister, Ed Henault, Debby Kaiser, Francie Von Mertens

Proposed Conservation Easement

Von Mertens reported that the Elm Hill Road parcel that the Committee recommended the town / Conservation Commission accept a conservation easement on will not be conserved by means of a traditional conservation easement held by a land trust or conservation commission.

The parcel owners were not comfortable with the standard breach of easement section and have opted to hold the easement themselves. They are confident this will meet their definite goals of maintaining the 52 acres in its natural state.

Considerable time and effort on the part of town committees and staff went into the project.

Land protection projects

A parcel abutting Cranberry Meadow Pond and connecting with the recently protected Monadnock Conservancy "Coney Partners" easement on 97 acres was discussed. Von Mertens will send the owners general information about land conservation options.

Von Mertens completed the photo montage for the Neff conservation easement and it was added to the other "Conserved Landscape" photos in the select board meeting room. She pointed out the addition to select board members at a meeting, and they noted the addition to the town's conserved lands with pleasure.

Other

Members agreed that a meeting with the new Agriculture Commission when its membership is settled is a good idea.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the OSC is Thursday, September 8, 7 p.m. at the Town House.