

PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 2015, 6:00 P.M.

Greetings/Opening - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. CPC members in attendance: Mark Russo, Judy Dudley, Rick Burnet, Jane Schulze, Irv Butler, Susan Ossoff and Dave Chandler. (Deb Anderson absent).

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the July 14 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. Mark Russo made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Jane Schulze seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Project Updates

1. Winnetuxet – Mark provided an update from Andy Karparis on Winnetuxet project. Tree work complete. Sign and bench installed. On the excavation work, the stump removal and sign installation are complete. The kayak launch and swim hole are still incomplete. Excavation contractor will again be contacted. He will be asked when the work will be completed and his intentions on finishing the job. If contractor is unable to complete the work, the Rec Committee will look for a new contractor.

2. Open Space Update-
Churchill Park Project – Rick reported that the planks all down. Now trimming edges. New signage is up on O’Neil access. The safety assessors are scheduled to come out and look at the dam. Some mowing has been done by the town. Benches all delivered. A “work party” is planned for this coming weekend to put benches up. Work is just about done. Erecting kiosks and a conservation inspection by Wildlands Trust are biggest things remaining. The first step will be for the Trust’s Land committee to visit in order to document the Park’s features, which will then serve as a baseline for the Trust’s yearly monitoring required under the CR. The MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs must approve the CR before it is final. Soft opening of Churchill Park by October is still the plan.
Pre-Acquisition Funds - Funds to date have been used for two projects: 1) to survey the property boundaries of the O’Neil marsh on Ring Road and 2) to pay for an appraisal, part of a title search, and a Phase 1 environmental assessment on 59 Parsonage Rd. Open Space expects that ownership of the Ring Road marsh will be transferred to the town in the near future. The agreements with O’Neil to affect this transfer are largely completed. In August 2015 the Board of Selectmen sent a letter to the USDA notifying them that the town cannot continue investigating the Parsonage parcel due to lack of funds. Open Space will continue to monitor the USDA actions regarding the Parsonage site, but have no plans to proceed until the issue is resolved.

Other Business

1. Annual review of CPC plan is complete and revised plan has been posted. Have also run an article in the newspaper about new proposals being welcome.
2. No bills submitted for payment.

Next Meeting Next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, Oct 15, at 6:45 pm.

Adjournment: Irv Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Russo seconded and the CPC unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dudley on behalf of the CPC.