

**Minutes for Open Space Committee (OSC) Meeting, Thursday, March 24, 2011,
7:30 p. m., Conference Room, Essex Elementary School**

Present: Julie Scofield, Lysa Leland, Tammy Gardner, Leslie Burns and Maria Burnham

**IT WAS MOVED BY LESLIE, SECONDED BY TAMMY AND VOTED
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEB. 17, 2011 MEETING.**

I. Old business

A. 2007 Open Space Reports with New Action Plans were delivered.

1. For Tammy and Lysa and to Mike Dyer for the Long Term Planning Committee.
2. Prioritizing properties from the list was discussed.
3. Julie will insert page numbers in the Goals & Objectives section and send them out to the OSC.
4. The Open Space Plan is no longer on the web site.

B. Centennial Grove

1. Leslie updated the OSC on the meeting of the Centennial Grove Committee.

a. The Ipswich YMCA will be taking over the Essex summer camp there.

- 1) June 27 – August 19
- 2) Essex residents will receive a discount on the fee for campers.
- 3) The RPF for the house is online.

b. Questions arose.

- 1) Will the Lake be closed to the public?
- 2) If so, what days and hours?

2. The subject of dogs being around the camp was discussed.

C. Essex Heritage Scenic Byway Meeting held in Manchester

1. Leslie attended.
2. Accessible bike trails were discussed.
 - a. Hamilton is working on a bike trail to Essex.
 - b. Some may be delineated by white lines on the existing roads when they are repaved.

II. Trails brochure

A. Lysa will revise the brochure

1. She will include a short summary of the legend about the MECT properties.
2. Lysa will send the revised copy to the rest of the committee.

B. There may be space to include boxes for interesting asides.

C. Lysa will contact Greenbelt for help in choosing the best way to handle the mapping.

III. At 9 p. m. the meeting was adjourned.

**Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7 p. m.
at the Senior Center on Pickering Street**