

# October 20, 2004

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

**Present:** Patti Doran, Phil Markert, Susan Payne, Chick Treadway, Dan Sherr, Colleen Weston, Diane Williams, Jack Field

**Guests:** Dick Sears, First Selectman

Dan Sherr, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and noted that there were only two items on the Agenda this evening, review and approval of the minutes and working on the presentation for the October 28th Forum.

**MOTION: to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2004 meeting was made by Susan Payne, seconded by Phil Markert and passed unanimously.**

Dan Sherr emailed members a draft of the presentation for the October 28th forum. He provided members with an updated version of the draft at tonight's meeting. Phil Markert wanted to be sure that Dan would include recognition for prior work done on "open space". Members took time to go through the presentation slide by slide and did some minor tweaking. The forum will take place on October 28th, 2004 at 7:30pm in the Main Hall of the Town Hall. Diane Williams, Phil Markert and Colleen Weston offered to do note taking. Secretary Pamela Osborne will check her schedule to see if she will be available. In wrapping up discussion Susan Payne noted that she doesn't want conversation to get stuck up on numbers/the amount of open space to preserve, but whether people want to preserve more open space. Colleen Weston added that it would be nice to come away from the forum with something tangible, clarity on how people feel, even if it's only a show of hands. Finally members discussed what to expect at the November 17th, 2004 "All Town Meeting" which will summarize all the issues, process to prioritize and financial implications.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Next scheduled meeting of the Open Space Committee is November 17, 2004 at 5:00pm.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Secretary