

Fremont Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 22, 2008
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Attendance: Janice O'Brien, Jack Karcz, Kenn Jones, Bill Johnson, Tina Sturdivant.

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Turtle Walk- Laura Deming from the Audubon has agreed to lead a Turtle Walk for a fee of approximately \$150.00. Mrs. O'Brien asked if the Open Space Committee would be interested in funding the walk. Mrs. O'Brien suggested holding the walk in Oak Ridge, the Fremont Town Forest, because of the accessibility to wetlands and parking availability. Mr. Johnson asked how long the program would take. Mrs. O'Brien stated that it would probably be two to three hours long.

Mrs. O'Brien thought it would be appropriate to contact the Fremont Public Library about parking and potentially coordinating a meeting space prior to the walk. Saturday June 7th or Saturday June 14th, 2008 are the two dates that were selected by the committee to present to Ms. Deming. Mrs. O'Brien stated that she would contact Ms. Deming to find out her availability and report back to the committee members. There was a brief discussion about press release information and coordinating refreshments. The members agreed that this was a community outreach program they would like to host and agreed to fund it. Mr. Jones made a motion to spend up to \$150.00 to fund the Turtle Walk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. All other members were in favor of the vote.

Mrs. O'Brien will keep everyone informed about the program as information becomes available. Polishing the last minute details will be discussed at the next meeting.

Property Evaluation

Mrs. O'Brien reported that Fremont resident, Andy Anderson, met with the Conservation Commission about conserving part of his property on Old Ridge Road, in the form of a conservation easement. The parcel size is approximately 18 acres and the easement would be for about 16 acres.

Mrs. O'Brien has been in contact with Mary Currier, Executive Director, from Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) about holding the easement. The RCCD agreed to work with Mr. Anderson and the Conservation Commission to create the easement. . There are fees associated with the easement process which the conservation commission has voted to fund providing the property achieve an acceptable score on the Open Space Criteria Scoring Form.

Mr. Jones left the meeting at 7:15, as he abuts the Anderson property.

The remaining members used the NRI maps to rank and score the property. Mr. Anderson's property scored a 52 out of a possible 100. The consensus of the members is that this property does meet the Open Space Criteria and is something the Open Space Committee would recommend for conservation. Mr. Johnson made a motion to recommend Mr. Anderson's property to the Conservation Commission

for a conservation easement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Karcz. All members were in favor of this motion.

The next meeting will take place on June 3, 2008 at 7:00 on the main floor of Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Karcz and seconded by Mrs. Sturdivant. Meeting ended at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Sturdivant