

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2011
Newington Town Hall
5:30 P.M.

I. Roll Call

The following members were present: Chairman Bowen, Mrs. Conway, Mr. Block, Ms. Wojtowicz, Mrs. Nasinnyk and Mr. Marcinczyk.

Staff present: Town Planner, Edmund Meehan

Public present: Roy Zartarian – 25 Stuart Street
Chris Dubey – 20 Mill Street Extension

II. Minutes

March 17, 2011 Regular Meeting – Mrs. Conway moved that the minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Ms. Wojtowicz and approved.

III. New Business - Subcommittee Reports

A. Land Trust – Carol Wojtowicz reported the Newington Land Trust is working on a website that is in “draft phase.”

B. Open Space Grants – Ed Meehan reported that DEP Land and Water Conservation Fund grants could be impacted by cuts in the Federal budget.

C. Open Space Properties Priority – Chairman Bowen reviewed the Committee’s prior discussion to select five (5) priority potential open space properties. The criteria is based on the inventory matrix the Committee presented to the Town Council in February 2011.

Ed Meehan provided the Committee members with aerial photo showing property lines, structures and street frontage for each of the parcels. GIS mapping showing wetlands/flood hazard areas limitations and Assessor Database property records also made part of each property’s package.

The consensus of the Committee was to hold further discussion on these properties until the efforts to preserve Cedar Mountain for public open space is decided.

IV. Remarks by Committee Members

Mrs. Nasinnyk reported that the Town Council, June 14, 2011, passed Resolution 2011-67, which authorizes the Town Manager to use up to \$15,000 from the Town Land Acquisition Fund to obtain an appraisal of the 73 acre Balf-Tilcon property.

V. **Adjournment**

Mr. Block moved the Committee adjourn its meeting. Second by Mrs. Conway and approved.
Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan
Town Planner

Town Clerk
Town Website