

TOWN OF SOUTHEAST OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES - JUNE 24, 2008

LOCATION: CIVIC CENTER

TIME: 7:30PM

ATTENDEES: Kerry Cunningham, Millie Nugent, Cherie Ingraham, Don Burrows, Ann Fanizzi and Councilman Dick Honeck - Facilitator< BR>

GUESTS: Supervisor Michael Rights and Councilman Dwight Yee.

Excused: Councilmen Paul Johnson and Roger Gross

AGENDA:

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the Supervisor and Town Board members with the history of the formation of the Open Space Advisory Board; its past work and present and future plans.

As per plan, each member of the committee discussed an aspect of the committee work including the successful referendum ballot initiative which approved the \$5 million bond fund; the purchase of the 166 acres and the setting aside of 10 acres for the future Putnam Humane Society site.

Additionally, the Supervisor and Councilman were made aware of the efforts of the Board to create biodiversity corridors with the assistance of consultant and expert, Dr. Michael Klemens. Maps and biographical information was made available. Supervisor Rights was especially interested in the Klemens formulation to balance conservati on with development through prudent land use policies.

As a result of these discussions, it was agreed that Dr. Klemens would be contacted for a meeting with the Supervisor and Town Councilman. Further, Kerry Cunningham volunteered to draft a letter to thank the Town of Southeast residents for their support and to apprise them of our continuing stewardship of their funds.

Both the Supervisor and Councilman Yee left the meeting for another appointment and the Advisory Board then continued its deliberations. Chairman Nugent brought to the attention of the Board communication she had received from Mr. Weber, a representative of the Ryder family, with proposals to obtain State, County, Town and possible Board assistance in efforts to maintain the viability of the Ryder Farm. Since only the Chairman had received the proposal, she indicated that copies would be sent to each of us for future discussion at perhaps our next meeting.

Meeting Adj ourned: 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Ann Fanizzi, Secretary