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FAIRFAX OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

16 Park Road, Fairfax

December 23, 2008, 7:30 PM

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

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1. Roll call: Mimi Newton, Ted Bright, Niccolo Caldararo, Helen Fauss, Denise Ferry, Ruth Horn, Ryan O'Neil, Jane Richardson-Mack
Guest: Millard Morgen
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from prior meetings
4. Treasurer's Report: Balance in current Bank of America checking account - \$8568.71. Recent activity: check to Denny for \$1122.29 for the Fall 2008 newsletter postage and envelopes. Deposited \$2630.11 from Eco Fest wine tasting (donation from Eco Fest Committee) on October 29, 2008. So far the 2008 newsletter has brought in \$1705.00. Discussion on holding of funds. Motion made, seconded, approved: Ted will draft a letter to the Town stating that every 4 months (January 1st, May 1st, September 1st) FOOSC will send a report of the Town with information about our funds.
5. 2008 FOOSC Newsletter and plans for collecting donations and planning next year's newsletter -- The proceeds so far are within \$6.99 of paying all the costs. It was noted that San Anselmo's newsletter was printed on heavier paper and slanted toward fundraising. We did include articles by others in ours. We will await feedback.

6. GPAC Committee Open Space Element - Mimi and Barbara met with Larry Kennings, a private Mill Valley consultant whom the Town has hired to work on the GPAC update. It is estimated that the OS element will take 3 to 4 months to complete. Updating will make it stronger, better, more robust. Ann Welch, former planning director, is under contract to finish updating town maps. Subcommittee formed to identify properties for open space: Niccolo, Mimi, Denny, Ruth.
7. Update on Egger Grove Access - The Town has filed a lawsuit against the homeowner for not giving open access to the Egger Grove Redwood Preserve.
8. Subcommittee reports:
 - A. Acquisition: 1. There has been no response to several letters and other attempts to reach the Walls. We will plan hikes for the spring. 2. Mimi and Jack will contact the Tap Root Foundation which helps with grant applications written by professionals. 3. Motion made, seconded, approved: Niccolo and Ruth will develop a plan to contact the owners of lots around Upper Ridgeway.
 - B. Stewardship: In Sweden, the people love their forests so much that they have created a club that has badges and hats called the Legion of Foresters for forest protection. Motion made, seconded, approved: Niccolo and Denny will develop plans to form a group to be called 'Fairfax Foresters'. Ryan could develop an armband.
 - C. T-Shirts: Update and discussion (Mimi and Jane) A 'To Do' list has been developed. Considering traditional style or new machine that uses a colored photo print (J Peg or Tiffany) where you can mix styles and amounts. Cost: regular, mixed \$7.50 for each, plus \$1.50 for organic cotton equals \$9.00. Planning process to continue. D. Web Site: Mimi met with Diane of GPAC who is helping with the Town website. Because of the limited capacity of the site, we need to plan content that fits within the limitations.
9. General update on miscellaneous issues
 - A. Ryan has been in touch with Kathy Wilkie about wood removal at the Egger Redwood Preserve. He will continue to follow this longstanding issue.
 - B. Gloria Duncan Preserve needs clean up. Agendize for spring clean up day. A sign is needed.
 - C. We need to create a mission statement for the Fairfax Foresters.
10. Open time for public expression