

Town of Southeast
Open Space Advisory Committee
Meeting: November 28, 2007; 7:30 PM

In Attendance:

Kerry Cunningham

Ann Fanizzi

Cherie Ingraham

Mildred Nugent

William Ford

A meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was held in the Southeast Town Hall on November 28, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

Ann Fanizzi discussed a two day seminar she attended regarding the Community Preservation Fund. The Committee discussed the possibility of Southeast participating in the Fund which uses transfer taxes payable on all residential property sales within the Town to increase funds for open space preservation. No action was taken by the Committee.

The Committee also discussed the 400 acres of property off of Nichols Road as possible land to be preserved as open space. Bill Ford advised that the current owner recently rejected a \$22 million offer for the property.

The Committee next discussed hiring an expert to review certain properties to detail their environmental attributes. Ann Fanizzi suggested Michael Klemens. The Committee discussed the cost of this expert advise and suggested that perhaps Mr. Klemens could use interns or professionals who charge a lower rate to do the work. Other suggestions were to call Matt Shurtleff at the Trust for Public Land to see if he had any recommendations for an expert and to contact professors at Western Connecticut University to see if they knew of an appropriate expert in this field. The Committee determined that it should write Mr. Klemens a letter asking that he attend our meeting on January 23 at 7:30 to discuss a review of environmental issues. Kerry Cunningham will draft letter and circulate.

The next official committee meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Southeast Town Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.