

Minutes of Open Space Committee
Feb 9, 2023

Members Present: Paul Cohen, Franklyn Carlson, Jim Lee, Brian Cook, Rich Maiore

Jim to take minutes of current meeting.

Old Business:

Approve minutes from Jan 2023 meeting. Motion to approve: Rich, 2nd: Frank. All members vote to approve.

New business:

Discussion for support of proposed Community Preservation Act surcharge.

Jim started off discussion by stating that he thought it would a help to the townspeople to have a statement of support or non-support for raising of the surcharge. Others agreed.

Jim stated that although he did not like to have taxes raised, this increase was to support things that he generally values, ie Conservation, Recreation, Housing and Historical projects.

Paul stated that additionally there is a benefit of the state matching dollars.

Rich explained the steps needed for this initiative to pass. Needs majority vote at upcoming Special Town meeting, and a concurrent vote at the ballot within 90 days.

Jim made motion to have OSC support the increase, Frank and Rich 2nd.

All attending members voted in support.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15am.

Submitted by Jim Lee