

**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MTG
4 AUGUST 2005 7:30 PM HOPATCONG MUNICIPAL BLDG**

The Environmental Commission was in attendance at the meeting.

**1 OPENING OF SPECIAL MEETING: OPEN PUBLIC MTG
ACT, NJUFC ANNOUNCEMENT; ROLL CALL, ANNOUNCE
QUORUM**

Vice-chairperson Elide Young announced that the purpose for which the meeting was called was to consider two items: one) meet with Desiree Dunn of the Morris Land Conservancy to discuss the Greenway/Trails Plan to be developed by the Morris Land Conservancy

two) review a completed draft report of the activities of the Open Space/Recreation Committee since its inception.

The meeting was opened at 7:38 PM in the Municipal Building. by Vice-chairperson Elide Young.

The members and the public were informed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq., notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, the Daily Record, The Star-Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for Public announcements.

In accordance with NJUFC, it was indicated that there are two fire exits from the meeting room, one in the rear of the room (the door through which all entered) and the other in the outside wall adjacent to Hopatchung Road, that should be utilized in case of emergency. The third door which is immediately to the right of the dais as the audience faces the dais is not an exit door.

A roll call showed the following members of the Open Space/Recreation Committee in attendance: Richard Hodson,

Clifford Lundin, Elizabeth Mauro, Sylvia Petillo, Joan Reilly and Elide Young. Susan Jones was absent. A quorum was present.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING:

On motion of Reilly and Mauro and the affirmative votes of all Richard Hodson was appointed acting secretary for the meeting.

3. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE A moment of silent reflection and the pledge of allegiance to the flag were led by Vice-chairperson Elide Young.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5 JULY 2005 MEETING: On motion of Reilly and Mauro and the affirmative votes of all, the minutes of the 5 July 2005 meeting were approved.

5. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. No one in the audience chose to speak.

6. BUSINESS:

ITEM 1: MEET WITH DESIREE DUNN OF THE MORRIS LAND CONSERVANCY TO DISCUSS THE GREENWAY/TRAILS PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE MORRIS LAND CONSERVANCY. Ms. Dunn has been hired by Morris Land Conservancy to be the lead person on the Greenway-Trails project, replacing Michael Brennan. She is a tech writer employed by the Conservancy for this project. She has worked for them in this capacity on other occasions. She indicated the GIS mapper for the Conservancy is returning from vacation, and will begin work on the Greenway-Trails mapping plus other projects. Ms. Dunn was given various source materials to help implement the project. Also, she was reminded of the large amount of GIS material available on the Borough's website, and through Dave Kunz, SC GIS Director.

In a lengthy discussion various questions were raised, and ideas presented. Cliff Lundin described a potential Greenway stretching from the Quarry at the Jefferson border through the Hudson Farm

property south most of the way to Stanhope, much of which has been set aside. Malcolm Peister and Paul Burke contributed to the discussion. Cliff Lundin is the local contact person for the project. The 7:30 on the first Thursday in October, 6 October, was set as the next meeting day/time to discuss with Ms. Dunn progress on the plan. A Public Workshop to discuss the project was set for the first Thursday in November, 3 November. That meeting may be held in a different location than Borough Hall.

Item 2: COMPLETE REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OPEN SPACE/RECREATION COMMITTEE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2000. The major portion of the report had been previously distributed, and discussed. Following a review and discussion, on motion of Petillo and Reilly, and the affirmative votes of all, the report was accepted.

7. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS: No one in the audience chose to speak.

8. ADJOURNMENT: At 8:46 PM on motion of Reilly and Mauro and the affirmative votes of all, the meeting was adjourned.