

**Conservation Commission – Special Meeting
May 5, 2009
Town Room, Town Hall**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Gerber at 7:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Gerber, Allen, Angus, Scott, Stein

STAFF: Ziomek and Malloy

OTHERS: NA

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN

Mr. Ziomek and Mr. Malloy presented the draft Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) to the Commission. The presentation included an overview explaining that the OSRP is a strategic plan which reinforces the Community Master Plan and is a requirement for many competitive funding opportunities. The presentation continued by detailing the goals, objectives and action-steps included in the OSRP, using a number of maps to help visualize this narrative. The presentation focused on ‘moving forward’ as the OSRP serves as a blue print and foundation for future policies and decision-making.

Commission members discussed the OSRP and presentation, determining that the goals and action steps accurately reflected their opinions communicated at past public meetings. The Commission noted that the OSRP is strongly rooted in the conservation and preservation of Amherst’s natural resources, and that although the OSRP thoroughly documents and explains the community’s recreational needs, a smaller proportion of the goals and action-steps relate to recreation. The Commission continued to examine the maps and presentation, concluding that the areas most appropriate for conservation, recreation, and development had been identified.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION’S ACTION

Open Space and Recreation Plan

VOTED unanimously (5-0), to accept the proposed plan with the understanding that (substantive) changes will be reviewed and approved by the Commission before being incorporated into the Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 9:10 p.m.