

## **Open Space Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 26, 2016**

In attendance: Paul Armond, Barbara David, Anthony Irving, Parker Lord, Steven Mattson and Lucius Stark.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

The recent state public hearing on a proposed dock on Whalebone Cove was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that Lyme's Inland Wetlands Commission approved this dock application in the past and no opposition had been voiced. A substantial number of neighbors expressed their opposition at the recent hearing.

Mr. Armond reviewed the potential for a kayak/canoe launch at Selden Landing and stressed the difficulty in creating an ADA compliant ramp due to the 3 foot tide that necessitates a very long span. Further research of this and other alternatives will be explored including the use of mats in the wild rice to create a channel for water access closer to shore.

Mr. Irving noted the state's recent offer to purchase the Larson's 125 acre parcel adjacent to the Beaver Brook Farm property. This potential acquisition will be followed.

Ms. David reported on the renewed effort to expand the conveyance tax for towns to raise revenue for open space acquisition called Greenspace.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.