

**Casco Open Space Commission
Minutes
April 25, 2011**

Members Present: Grant Plummer, Jim Stepp, Barbara York, Eric Dibner
Absent: Lisa Willey-Critchfield

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:12.

It was moved, seconded (Plummer, Stepp) to **adopt the minutes from the February 21 and March 21 meetings.** Approved.

Hacker's Hill – Dibner described the Land for Maine's Future proposal from Loon Echo Land Trust. The Commission questioned whether Casco's land protection fund has \$130,000 or \$90,000. For an item to go on the warrant, it first must be reviewed by the Finance Committee then the Selectpersons. It was moved, seconded (Plummer, York) to request the Selectmen to **put on the warrant a request for \$75,000 from the Town land protection fund to be set aside for the Hacker's Hill project.** Approved.

COSC role should be to get the word out, help with publicity at appropriate times, and coordinate with LELT. Dibner will provide a summary handout. More details are needed. Dibner will find out if we can distribute proposal document. Plummer and York plan to attend the Finance Committee.

Project Canopy – Doing this project obligates Casco to follow the plan it adopts and also will allow us to seek other funding. The inventory is needed prior to setting up the workshops. It was noted that the parcels are unique lands with watershed value, and that they have been cut selectively. Stepp asked if funds can be used for boundary signs. Dibner will outline a timeline of next steps and how to work with the consultant and will send a copy of the proposal and award letter.

Plummer and Dibner are meeting with Beth Latsey on Thursday re her role with recreation lands and roles of others. Then she should talk with the Parks Advisory and Recreation Committees. Possibilities of land uses might include ball fields, trails, gardens, etc.

Re small lots along the Crooked River corridor, the Commission should talk with Portland Water District and needs to discuss the uses, costs, and values

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for the Town and the abutters. Plummer will research what the regulations are regarding use for launching boats.

Meeting was adjourned.