

**Casco Open Space Commission  
Minutes  
July 18, 2011**

Present: Eric Dibner, Grant Plummer, Barbara York  
Others: Pam Edwards, Pat Troy

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m..

Minutes of June 20, 2011 were adopted without change. (York abstained)

New member for COSC – Plummer needs to resign his appointed seat and accept the elected position and be sworn in. When the appointed seat is vacant, the Select Board can advertise to fill it.

Town-owned properties – Select Board would like our suggestions at their August meeting, York said.

- Project Canopy – No one has contacted foresters for bids yet. Grant and Eric will make the calls and get bids. It was agreed that a site walk of the 70-acre Lakewood Road parcel would be at 8:30 a.m. on Monday July 25. Dibner will call Frank Kantor as a guide.
  - Public information meetings should be scheduled for properties under review, at times separate from the regular COSC meeting.
  - Hacker's Hill – It was agreed that community participation and discussion of the Loon Echo Land Trust project could help gain public support, and COSC should get as many people to come as possible, using e-mail, postcard, website, and signs. Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 at the Community Center was tentatively set, with an update by Loon Echo. The public forum will cover concerns about ownership, timing, fundraising, maintenance, staffing, and uses of the site.
  - List of Town properties was distributed by Dibner, separating developed parcels from open parcels. Initial considerations for most of them were discussed. Edwards provided maps of the six properties near Sebago and Thomas Pond, which will guide site visits by COSC. She will prepare additional maps for other parcels COSC has not yet seen and will supply an updated list of parcels.
- Dibner will distribute a draft report for the Select Board, describing Project Canopy, other research, and the review process for Town properties.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.