

Minutes of the Open Space Committee Executive Session on March 22, 2010 5:04

Members present: Dave Hale, Hank Janowsky, Steve Milkewicz, Ghee Patrick, Dennis Minsky
also present: Celine Gandolfo (Conservation Trust), Cheryl Andrews and Molly Purdue (Housing Authority) and the Board of Selectmen

It had been moved in regular session to go into executive session to discuss with the BOS and the HA details of the upcoming attempt to acquire the Hawthorne property off Aunt Sukey's Way, either in concert with the HA or independently.

There was a general discussion involving the appraisal, the asking price, negotiations with the buyer, and the possibility of a joint acquisition with OSC and HA.

The OSC presented the general merits of the property, and the importance of its acquisition. The HA suggested that issues of timing and other factors could be overcome in a joint venture.

The BOS expressed mixed feelings about the acquisition in general. Couture and Bedard were reluctant because of the nature of the process; Knight felt that the Town would be losing revenue if the sale went through; Anderson stated a preference for the joint HA and OSC approach.