

1 **Mayo Farm Fields:** David Jacqua gave members an overview, along with a map of the fields, of how the
2 Mayo Farm became under the control of the Stowe Land Trust-in 2002 the town voted to approve a 25
3 year lease to the Stowe Land Trust. In the lease 32 acres was promised on fields J K & L. 32 acres for
4 recreation. Tape 1 side 2 `Mr. Jacqua said the Stowe Land Trust could entertain the idea of reallocating
5 the fields and amend the lease as long as a conservation portion remains. He suggested in doing this
6 there would be fewer neighbors, it could help the Cemetery land but it has to be looked at to see if
7 desirable or even feasible and if the town wants expend funds, as well as in cooperation with Paul Percy.
8 It could cost in the vicinity of \$500,000 to make the fields usable. He suggested a study be done of the
9 feasibility but saw no "show stoppers". Mr. Shepard agreed that he saw no show stoppers but it would
10 require an amendment to Act 250 permit. Mr. Jacqua said Paul Percy would be giving up something
11 precious to him, prime ag land and the area has a septic easement (Mr. Shepard described the easement
12 for the town) .Brett thanked David for the information and for coming. Mr. Frey, a neighbor asked what
13 the Commission would consider the definition of "agriculture", would it be livestock, fences, storage of
14 farm equipment etc. Mr. Altadonna suggested Mr. Frey speak with Tom Jackman or refer to the state
15 definition of agriculture. Mr Swanson left the meeting at 6:10 P.M. Mr. Clark in the audience, and a
16 neighbor, said he felt agriculture on that land would be much more acceptable. Mr. Jacqua felt this
17 would be an opportunity for the neighbors to participate. After more discussion, Brett moved the
18 Recreation Commission form a subcommittee to consider possible amendments to the Mayo Farm
19 Management Plan and easements. Terrie seconded the motion with all in favor. Mr. Levering, Swanson
20 and Ms. Savard were not present.

21 Terrie Wehse, Mike Loughran, Brett Loomis from the Rec Commission all indicated that they would be
22 interested in participating on the committee; David Jacqua (as a resident and not representing the
23 Conservation Commission) Leo Clark, resident and Ryan Percy will be asked if he is interested in serving.
24 The Task Force charge will be reviewed at the May 3rd meeting. Harry said there is a capital reserve fund
25 but he cautioned some of the numbers that had been suggested. He suggested the process should start
26 now to see if the concept is agreeable. He said he did not think it feasible to go to the next town
27 meeting with any credible cost estimate since an in depth study of the possibilities and cost estimates
28 are needed in order to go forward and this could be something the Commission would want to
29 recommend going to the voters for next year. Harry told the members if you want to build a building it
30 needs to be done right, there are drainage issues, permits etc and decisions that would need to be made
31 and he suggested doing an in depth study, develop a program and a realistic budget.
32 Harry said even though there is a reserve fund, the town has many needs, i.e. rec path, bridges, and the
33 list goes on. Harry was thanked for attending the meeting.

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35 **Other Business:** Mike will work with Matt re: time usage of the turf and Matt said he is open to any
36 suggestions members may have.

37 Matt said that Rick Swanson is interested as a member of the commission, in looking into funding for
38 scholarships for recreational programs.

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40 There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.>

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42 Respectfully submitted,

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44 Barbara s. Allaire