

**Casco Open Space Commission  
Minutes  
February 15, 2010  
Casco Public Library**

Present: Grant Plummer, Eric Dibner, Jim Stepp, Barbara York  
Absent: Lisa Willey-Critchfield  
Others present: Pamela Edwards

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**The minutes of January 18, 2010 were adopted as distributed.**

Updates by Commissioners – Lisa met with the Board of Selectmen on 2/9/10. Barbara reported the Finance Committee will consider the Commission's budget request, and one member from Commission should ask the Manager about attending that night. Eric reported the Greenprint project stalled at Naples Board of Selectmen, so now a petition is being distributed to get the issue on the Town meeting warrant.

Commission's mission – **It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the mission statement as presented (attached).** The vision statement was not adopted, with agreement that it needs more work.

Action Plan 2010-2011 – There was discussion of what areas the Commission should focus on and developing a natural resources inventory. Regarding maps, the Commission considered topics that are not yet mapped: invasive species, vernal pools, protected forests (SWOAM participation, Tree Farms, lands in Tree Growth), farms and gardens. The Conservation Committee is ready to help with an inventory, particularly vernal pools. Commissioners noted it should talk at some point with MS Hancock re public use and prospects for large parcels.

Website – Commissioners wanted to put together a plan for having its own domain. This would make it easier to find, with a link to it from the Casco Conservation page, and with background, planning information, and links.

Next meeting 3/15/10. Agenda items include – Greenprint participation, further review of Action Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Adopted 2/15/10

Mission of the Casco Open Space Commission

The COSC mission is to preserve Casco open space for public access, appropriate use, and natural resource values for all beings for future generations.

The Commission will accomplish its mission by inventorying open space, planning for conservation and public uses, educating landowners and the general public, using traditional and innovative protection mechanisms such as acquisition or easements with willing landowners, involving the community and partnering with other groups.