

Open Space and Land Acquisition Committee  
Saturday, November 20th, 2010- Special Meeting Minutes  
9:00 AM- Goat Island Property, East Summer Street  
Southington, CT

Members Present: All regular members were present with the exception of Mr. Weichsel and Miss Sica. Staff Present: Mark Sciota, Town Attorney/Deputy Town Manager and David Lavalley, Environmental Planner.

Chairman Berkmoes called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The Committee members and representatives from the Town Council joined the public in a walk of the Open Space parcel. The building that housed an historic baking oven was viewed and plans for its rehabilitation by Southington UNICO were aired. The second building on site is being used by the Parks Dept. The walk proceeded to the wooded eastern portion of the site. The importance of preserving the floodplain of the area was discussed as was the added benefit of habitat preservation adjacent to the Town's major river. Roughly 1,200 ft. of frontage along the Quinnipiac exists on site. The need for active volunteer upkeep was noted as a key to keeping the area clean and the river free of debris. The acquisition of this parcel has presented great opportunities for canoeing and kayaking. The Chairman thanked everyone for joining the sitting Committee in their tour of this important Open Space holding and looks forward to other similar tours throughout town.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Miceli and seconded by Commissioner DelDebbio with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.