

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. E(2)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: September 19, 2006

TITLE: Follow-up to Request from the Friends of Bolin Creek Regarding Dedication of Public Open Space

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. FOBC Memorandum on Dedication of Open Space C. Email from Mike Brough Re: FOBC Memo D. Staff Memo E. Map of Parks, Private Open Space, and Public Access Areas in the upper Bolin Creek watershed	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire– 918-7327

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen received a request from the Friends of Bolin Creek to establish a policy regarding open space dedication. The request was referred to staff for analysis. A resolution accepting the staff analysis and specifying followup has been prepared for the Board's adoption.

INFORMATION

In the ongoing implementation of greenway planning it has been customary for staff to discuss dedication scenarios with applicants during the development review process. It should be noted that whenever the request or offer of public dedication is made, staff weighs the benefits and limitations of an expanded area over which the town will have maintenance responsibilities and liability so that this information may be considered by the Board of Aldermen in deciding on the possible dedication.

The Friends of Bolin Creek (FOBC) has prepared a memorandum on this topic (*Attachment B*) and has requested the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Board of Aldermen. An email from the Town Attorney related to this request is also attached (*Attachment C*). A staff memo on this topic has been prepared (*Attachment D*). A map of parks, private open space, and public access areas and the FOBC proposed preserve as shown on the Conservation Map for Upper Bolin Creek is included (*Attachment E*).

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact is associated with the continuation of existing practice of seeking voluntary offers of dedication for trails and public access in accordance with greenway trail development plans.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution accepting the report and directing the staff to continue with the existing practice of seeking voluntary offers of dedication for trails and public access in accordance with plans and policies for greenway trail development (*Attachment A*).