

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee
Minutes
June 13, 2007

PRESENT: Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Laura Abrams, Becky Corkin, Jan Hardenbergh, Susan Iuliano, Chris Morely, Lynne Remington, Debbie Dineen, David Hunter, Jody Kablack, and Dennis Mannone.

Meeting was called to begin at 9:30 AM. A quorum was present.

1. Introduction & Overview

Introductions were made around the table. Jody started the meeting off by referencing the committee's group e-mail, to be utilized when delivering information that all the committee members would benefit from. The Board of Selectmen committee code of conduct was also reviewed.

Debbie then explained to the committee what the Open Space & Recreation Plan stood for within the community and the reasoning behind the purpose of the plan as a whole.

2. Preliminary Goals

Jody called attention to the goals and objectives page of the plan from 1997. Upon reflection, the committee members began instituting modifications to the goals, including several additions such as protecting surface water, protecting historic landscapes identified by the community, and identifying lands thought to be protected but which are not (i.e., Boy Scout Reservation, Wayside Inn, Sudbury Valley Trust lands). Changes were made to the list of goals as well, including the addition of passive recreation and the idea of meeting needs for all segments of the community. A discussion was also brought up to better define some words such as critical in "critical land areas" and diversity in "land use diversity." Also of importance was the ability to utilize past studies such as the Athletic Field Master Plan and Heritage Landscape Report in order to further understand what the goals and objectives should be on a regional and state wide basis as well. Chris Morely will retype the Goals based on the discussion and distribute prior to the next meeting.

Marketing of the survey also came into discussion with ideas being implemented to reach the younger population through the Park and Recreation Brochure at the end of August along with distributing the surveys at the Goodnow Library and in the Town Hall during public meetings.

3. Priority Parcels/Map

Discussion began on the list of priority parcels that have been identified by Jody Kablack and Debbie Dineen thus far. A map depicting the parcels was viewed and general agreement that each member should have a map for reference. Debbie will update the map to reflect the proposed parcels, with the new parcels being highlighted in a different color. Agreement was also made to make a distinction between parcels that had already been preserved by the Town and parcels that were a priority for preservation by the

Town. A suggestion that was agreed upon was to create 2 separate spreadsheets to accommodate the suggested use of a parcel from the Open Space Plan for both the current and the future.

4. Action Items

The final topic of discussion was the idea of each committee member volunteering to help tackle a section of the Open Space Plan throughout the summer. A point was made that the committee members should look over their materials before volunteering, although three volunteers offered to focus on sections. Debbie Dineen offered to focus upon Section 5, Inventory of Lands of Conservation and Recreation Interest; Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi volunteered for Section 3, Community Setting; and Lynne Remington volunteered for Section 4, Environmental Inventory and Analysis.

Next Steps

- The next meeting will focus upon refining the goals & objectives along with generating ideas for the public participation, including the survey.
- The committee agreed on a bi-weekly meeting format starting at 9:00 AM with the time designated ideally for an hour and a half.
- **Next Meeting will occur on June 27th, 2007 at 9:00 AM in the Flynn Building.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.