

Open Space Committee
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Agenda
July 22, 2010
6:30PM
2nd floor conference room

Attendance: Joan Guerrero, Michele Simoneaux and Conservation Agent Jennifer Carlino

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Minutes of 4/8/10, 5/13/10, and 7/8/10

Members reviewed the three sets of minutes and made changes to the July 8th set. Motion was made by Joan, seconded by Michele to accept the minutes as revised. Approved.

Our sections to finish for OSRP

Michele-Chapter 61- Michele sent an email about the ranking criteria for assessing open space parcels and requested that we discuss it at the meeting. Members agreed that the ranking criteria is still appropriate but changed 2 of the items. Instead of just rare species, we added BioMap and Living Waters as positive characteristics of a property to consider for preservation. We also updated the criteria of land being within the Canoe River ACEC and made it any land in any of the three ACECs.

Pat-accomplishments list from the last plan-Pat was not at the meeting and will discuss at the next meeting.

Michele has some of the Chapter 61 section and will email to Jenn so she can include them in the DRAFT OSRP to be sent to Division of Conservation Services next week. Jennifer went over a few other sections that need to be updated including storm water management, the Three-Mile River ACEC nomination and the Section 504 Report. Members discussed the previous evaluation of town property and since no new work has been done, the evaluation shouldn't need to be updated. Jennifer will check with the town manager regarding the new designated ADA coordinator and policies.

DRAFT goals/objectives and action plan

Members reviewed the draft Section 8. We will need to update the first paragraph to reference the public meeting in January. In addition to renumbering, grammar and some clarification corrections, we added

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objectives to Goal 5: improve public access to waterbodies and conservation/recreation lands. We added identifying areas that are appropriate for access, parking and universal access trails where feasible.

Forestry project update

Pat and Michele posted the forestry posters at the Lincoln Woods Conservation Area for residents to review while they are walking.

LAND grant update

The LAND grant was submitted last week for the Reilly project.

Other

Jennifer notified everyone that she applied for a grant through the South Coast Rail Project for technical assistance to complete the OSRP.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting will be: _____ 8-5-10 _____

Michele Simoneaux

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