

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee
Minutes
August 1, 2007

PRESENT: Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Laura Abrams, Jan Hardenbergh, John Sklenak, Susan Iuliano, Chris Morely, Lynne Remington, Debbie Dineen, David Hunter, and Jody Kablack

Meeting was called to begin at 9:00 AM. A quorum was present.

1: Minutes

The minutes from the 7/18 meeting were approved with minor corrections. They will be posted on the web site.

2: Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives were examined by the committee members for the majority of the meeting time. Revisions were made to add appendices when other published reports are mentioned; expanding objectives to include awareness of the CPA and other funding sources and the benefits they provide in open space preservation; suggesting implementation strategies for each goal so that the plan has an action component to it.

Jan brought up the idea of notifying land owners of our public meetings and progress in developing the Open Space and Recreation Plan before it is published. Debbie will draft a letter to be sent out. Land owner participation would be beneficial. Jody discussed the recommendation to allow density incentives in exchange for better/larger open space areas or recreational opportunities, and explained to the committee members some of the methods of doing this and the Town's longer term interest in this concept.

Laura raised a point about temporary restrictions vs. long term restrictions. Discussion on this topic centered on farmland, and the committee agreed that it would be beneficial to encourage temporary restrictions as a way to allow keep lands in active agricultural use. Laura will research the mechanisms.

Discussion of sewerage Route 20 also came up and Jody announced that the Route 20 Sewer Technical Advisory Committee has been working over the past several years to try and come up with an alternative to wastewater disposal in the business districts, and that a meeting with DEP will be held in September in an effort to get some direction from them. The main stumbling block has been the inability to find a parcel of land to install a leaching field for a large system. The issue of town-wide sewer was brought up, with the example of the town of Sturbridge utilizing it. There has generally been reluctance to town-wide sewerage in Sudbury as it would open up many parcels of land for development that normally could not be developed due to poor soils.

Alterations and additions were made to goals 5, 6, and 7 to help make them more concise with the committee members agreeing to include references to previous goals/objectives along with combining objectives into one when necessary.

3: Map

The map was briefly discussed with the members agreeing that the final version will be focused on protected open space and priority parcels.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, August 14, 9:00 AM**

- Agreement was made to start with Goal 7 in the Goals and Objectives at the next meeting.
- Debbie will draft a letter to send to large landowners whose parcels appear in the plan.
- Jody agreed to e-mail the SVT list to the committee, and to attempt to meet with SVT to discuss their land protection strategy.
- David will send the Priority Parcels descriptions to Debbie and John.
- Jody and Susan will e-mail their sections for editing by the committee.
- The next meeting will be August 14th, with the meeting after occurring on September 5th.