

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee
Minutes
August 14, 2007

PRESENT: Jan Hardenbergh, John Sklenak, Susan Asbedian-Ciaffi, Chris Morely, Lynne Remington, Dennis Mannone, Debbie Dineen, David Hunter, Jennifer Burney, and Jody Kablack

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

1: Minutes

The minutes from the 8/07 meeting were approved with minor corrections. They will be posted on the web site.

2: Map Discussion

The draft map was presented to the group, showing the SVT parcels color coded in pink. Jody remarked that there were 42 owned SVT properties, with deeds being granted to SVT as a non-profit organization, but which for the most part, did not contain conservation restrictions or other language indicating the properties were deed-restricted for conservation use. A suggestion was made to alter the 'open space' color on the map to something that would stand out more. Jody will work with the Engineering Dept. to refine the map.

3: Goals and Objectives

The committee agreed to a few alterations, such as moving 7B to 5 and selective examples/descriptions where needed rather than for every section. An offer was made to include an action item with each section, but the committee felt that the goals were self-explanatory for the most part and did not need further clarification. Laura will research the Farm Viability Program further.

4: Survey

The biggest alteration was the phrasing of, "Sudbury should" rather than "Should Sudbury" to make the survey takers more aware that the committee is planning to do this but want their input also. The committee agreed that a map of Sudbury should be included with the survey, presented on the cover page as a way of not only outlining boundaries but also letting residents know where certain locations are to help answer some questions.

Clarification of what exactly the rating entailed (e.g. "Rate 1-10 with 1 as the lowest") was needed.

Suggestions were made to present the survey at Sudbury Day. Dennis said he could send an e-mail coded to Sudbury residents only, letting them know such an event would be happening. Other suggestions were made as to distribution of the survey such as at the library on its own central computer, through school flyers, as well as a business card with the online address.

John said he would try and detail out an idea of how to incorporate where/how the survey was received.

Jan said we should test the length of time the survey takes online to better understand both our goal in how long we want the survey to be as well as how long to tell citizens it will take. The committee also agreed that we should think about including definitions on words that may not be immediately understood or recognized by citizens.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 5, 9:00 AM**

- Debbie will look at the SVT parcel list and make sure they are up to date.
- The survey will be continued to be worked on and looked over.
- The parcel map will be updated, with further color coding to emphasize locations necessary. A smaller scale map will be prepared for the survey.