

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee
Minutes
June 27, 2007

PRESENT: Laura Abrams, Jan Hardenbergh, 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. Introduction and Quick Overview

The meeting started off with a quick overview of our first meeting, running over the things that we would be looking at in this meeting. Jody mentioned the fact that a rough draft of the Open Space Plan would be needed to be completed by July 31st, as the Town may be submitting an application for Self-Help funds on an undisclosed parcel of land. Also being mentioned was that the map and priority parcels would be focused upon the next meeting. Another thing raised was the Hydro Map on the town web page and possibly doing something in that vein, leading to agreement that prior to the next meeting, the committee members would look at the Hydro Map. Another issue raised was whether a PDF of the '97 Open Space Plan could be converted to a Word File, and whether it would be possible to accomplish this before revisions would be underway.

2. Goals

Chris Morely had e-mailed a revised list of the goals prior to the meeting. In turn, the committee members went over the list during the meeting, suggesting modifications such as switching the idea of "purposeful mitigation of changes" to objectives rather than as a goal. Other changes included cutting out or adding words to maintain clarity of a goal along with the addition of a few goals such as the need to protect and restore the quality of ponds and waterways along with preserving and maintaining conservation and recreational areas. A revised list of Goals will be produced for the next meeting.

Committee members will review the objectives for each goal, and make recommendations for the next meeting.

3. Assignments

The committee discussed the assignment of various sections of the report with the goal of producing a draft of several sections by July 31st. Debbie volunteered to take sections 5 and 9; Jody volunteered for sections 1, 2, and 10; Susan I volunteered for sections 6 and 7; and Lynne confirmed that she was working on section 4. Along with this came the plan to write these out in simple form (Times New Roman Size 12) before doing any type of formatting such as bolding or underlining. David also agreed to edit section 4 and include the graphs so Lynne could begin her revisions.

4. Public Meetings/Community Participation

The issue of public meetings was raised again with questions arising over the need to meet with the public with our draft prior to July 31st. Debbie agreed to make a phone call

to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to determine whether this step would be a requirement of EDEA and will report back at the next meeting.

5. Survey

A short form (10 question) survey was submitted by Laura to allow for the community to be able to submit a quick survey, with the option of submitting the more detailed survey at a different web address. The goal of the shorter survey is to obtain critical information while the longer survey would give a more detailed sense of what the community desires. The Committee thought this was a good idea. The short form questions should mirror the long form questions.

Next Steps

- The next meeting will focus on looking at the map created by Debbie, including the priority parcels positioned on the map.
- The next meetings will be held on July 18th and August 1st at 9:00 am.
- The committee will also be going over both surveys and the questions contained along with the idea of how to coordinate the shorter survey's questions and results with the longer survey.
- The minutes of both meetings will be available for review and voting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.