

Open Space Committee November 15, 2007 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Brian Reynolds, Joan Morton, Mike Schroeder, Linda Grubb

Members absent with prior notification: Don Foster, Barry Evans

Non-member: Rita Garbitt (beginning of meeting only)

Meeting schedule discussed: to remain first Thursday of month. Members need to come for committee to be effective. We need to find out if absent members want to continue. Meeting time might be moved to 7:30 pm.

Minutes for October read. Joan voted to accept; Brian seconded.

Charge was discussed. We think it is okay as written and will go before Selectmen with it. Description of Open Space on website needs work. Land with Conservation Restrictions has increased since '03. Nancy's list of tasks, naming brooks, ACEC list, and forming river teams, will have to wait until open space plan updated.

At December meeting we need to list points to discuss with Selectmen. We still need to be sure all have access to a copy of Open Space Plan. We need to ask Don again to send digital copy to town. Mike will get hers on disk to Tracy, but it may be a draft copy. We need to figure costs of revision of plan and how to cover. Nancy Durphy of SRPEDD says we can use their new regional maps.

We will all review for December meeting the section Community Setting for possible needed changes. Joan will use Mike's hard copy temporarily.

Mike will rewrite and send memo asking committees to send all current deeds restrictions, etc. We may end up with too much, but will assess as they come in.

Mike will call Joan Pierce of Fish and Wild Life and Linda will call Wildlands Trust to be sure they know of Art Standish's death because of the ecological sensitivity of his property.

Letter from Rita states requests to be on Selectmen's agenda must be made by 4pm previous Thursday.

No follow-up on Rachel's Way yet. Linda had put applicant in touch with Audubon with regard to third lot to be left undeveloped.

New England Rental project signals need for a more specific plant list in hands of Planning Board especially one for xeroscaping. Mike will work on this.

Linda circulated materials from CPA meeting. She recommended formation of a PAC to handle CPA advocacy based on example of other towns.

She also circulated a brochure West Bridgewater OS and Rec Committee.

TRWA grants are currently available for River Monitors and stream flow stewards but may not be in the future.

SRPEDD is putting on “Civic Engagement” meetings for the South Coast Transit Project, Nov 28 in Berkley, Jan 16, 6:30 at AMTC, 151 Martine Street in Fall River, March 11 in Lakeville 6:30 at the Library. A rail tour will take place November 30. Mike will notify Emory as head of Con. Comm.

TWRA is sponsoring three free Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners classes locally, one each in November, December, and January. Mike will notify Con. Commission.

Mass Audubon has brochure for Assonet Cedar Swamp which we might in future use as model for other special sites.

Brian has CPA folder to review. Joan has stormwater materials. Mike has Core Habitats of Lakeville.

Meeting adjourned at ??? Time not noted.