

Lakeville Open Space Committee August 7, 2008 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Brian Reynolds, Joan Morton, Mike Schroeder, Jaime Velazquez

Members absent: Don Foster

Non-member present: Mike Renzie

Review Jaime's section 5. It is still in progress.

Review ROSA's regional open space plan. We will include it in a new regional section of Lakeville's revised plan. Mike Renzie agreed to write it. Linda will provide needed information.

Discussion of how to promote the planning process: We considered an email campaign and publicizing photos of existing open space. In discussing getting kids and parents involved, Committee decided on an "open-space" scavenger hunt. We will all devise quests for specific things of historical, geological, astronomical, scenic, wildlife, agricultural, etc. nature, to be found in Lakeville. We put together a list of these quests to be sent to the schools this September with the request that teachers distribute them to students, hopefully with some additional motivation, to complete and return. The lists will be accompanied with an explanation of the open space plan and its revision and an invitation for parents with their children to attend the presentation of the draft open space plan (at a date and location still to be determined).

August 21 is the deadline for having our lists of quests ready.

Committee agreed to have extra meetings as necessary to make decisions about our revisions of the Open Space Plan and the process.

We will be asking owners of protected properties, i.e., The Trustees of Reservations, the Audubon Society and Wildlands Trust, to submit descriptions of and general plans for their properties to be included in the Open Space Plan.

Linda reported that at the SRPDD meeting on priority development and preservation properties, the Selectmen stated that they would like to see Rocky Woods protected. They also would like see commercial development on the State-owned farm property on Bridge Street and more commercial and industrial development on route 44 and 18. Linda noted the meeting was not well attended.

SRPDD will return August 12, 6 p.m. to show the map of priority development and preservation parcel.

Linda reported on the Holloway Brook Cranberry Farm. Digging for the new bogs is to be allowed at only 10 feet, protecting the road, but not necessarily the stream.

Linda reported a new by-law is being proposed by the building inspector allowing accessory apartments. Committee expressed concern that there is no good reason for such a by-law and that it will lead to greater population density. It was also noted that

National Development Corporation got a density bonus for plans to build for residents aged 55 and over but now wants to do general housing. It was stated that this should negate the density bonus.

There will be a CPA workshop September 27 at Bristol Aggie 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign-up deadline is September 8.

Mike Renzie expressed interest in becoming a member and will contact the Selectmen.

Next meeting will be August 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Assessors' Office to put together the "Open Space Quests".

10:08 p.m. Jaime moved to adjourn; Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned.