

Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee
Weds. May 26, 2004
Room 230 Town Hall

Present: Rita Biagioni, Jessica Cajigas, Peter Church, Sarah Foss, Art Lazarus

Rita called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Art reported that a trail map and brochure of the Cobb easement has been completed by Jim Campbell, who is a steward of the property. The Conservation Trust has approved an RFP for removal of debris from the property, as well as a survey by Ross and Associates.

It was suggested that we hold some property walks later in the summer, and that the Cobb easement might be a good one to introduce to the residents. Peter and Jessica may be able to lead the walks.

Sarah has not heard back from Tim Goddard regarding the status of the APR application for the Morgan property. She will check with NEFF and see if they know what's been done on it.

Stepping Out Farm on Goldsmith St. was mentioned. Rita heard that the tenants have been given one year's notice to vacate. Sarah mentioned that the owners had been before the Board of Health, but only to submit plans for the upgrade of the existing septic system, not to add anything larger.

It was noted from the Conservation Commission minutes that the Self Help application for the Prouty property was missing. Sarah will ask NEFF to clarify that.

Art mentioned that the most recent newsletter from Sudbury Valley Trustees has information about 40B projects, and SVT does not find them conducive to protecting core habitat areas, nor do they feel they are well connected to the Smart Growth initiative. He wondered if this committee should take on the role of doing more research in this area and compiling information to be used when these projects are brought before Town boards.

Peter informed us that the stranglehold on the land purchase budgets may be loosening somewhat. The MDC may be able to purchase some land and cr's, however the purchases must be tied into Smart Growth plans in order to be funded. He is also compiling the data on the vernal pool near Spectacle Pond that was certified in April, and will submit it as soon as it's ready.

Art will assemble the conservation plan for the WHIP grant, which will be used to manage the grasslands on Long Lake Park. It is imperative that the use of motorized vehicles on the property be prevented. It was noted that this is probably a matching funds grant.

We received a resignation letter from Gino Frattalone and thank him for his time on the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47. The next scheduled meeting will be on Weds. June 9th, at 7:30 in the Conservation Commission Office.