

Minutes of the Open Space & Recreation Plan Implementation Committee  
Weds. Sept 24, 2003  
Room 230 Town Hall

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

Rita called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

We discussed the overwhelming support for the Prouty purchase at Town Meeting. Tim Storrow will contact Joel Lerner at DCS and let him know the project was approved, and see if he can get any indication of the status of the Self-Help grant. Sarah will write a thank you letter to Roger and Carey Prouty for their support in allowing the land to be preserved.

Art will assist Cynthia Wood of NEFF in GIS mapping of the Prouty land. It will be available to the Town on GIS systems.

The Town will formally dedicate the Hartwell property on Saturday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. Members of our committee will assist in leading a tour of the property after the ceremony. Sarah will inform the press of the tour. Rita will contact Tim Goddard for final details, and to see if he will look into posting a sign, similar to the ones marking other conservation properties.

Art informed us that he and his crew have finished a trail from the parking lot to Pickard Lane on the Cobb property. He plans to hold a tour at a later date. There is still trail work to be done there, which will probably include bridges. He would like to enlist some volunteers to assist with them. He also informed us that the Water Department intends to drill three bedrock wells on the Cobb easement.

Art spoke at a Rotary Club meeting. They are looking for community service projects, and he recommended that they enhance some trails to make them more accessible for persons of limited mobility.

We discussed filling in some of the gaps in the 5 Year Action section of the Plan. Art suggested forming partnerships with regional conservation organizations, or those in neighboring towns. Projects to be undertaken would be things that would benefit the region, not necessarily individual towns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55. The next scheduled meeting will be on Oct. 8th, at 7:30 in the Conservation Commission Office.