Open Space Planning Committee

Minutes
October 11, 2007

Meeting at Town Hall convened at 10:00. Members present: Present: Anne Anable, Joe Cavanaugh, Ed Germain, Betsey Harris, Henry James, Jack Lewis, Bruce Simpson. Absent: Mike Walker, Sue Yarger

Minutes of September 27, 2007 were approved.

At 10:10, the Town Clerk swore in the members present.

Betsey unfurled the two maps that she had received from SWRPC and that she and Jack had begun to edit. Jack distributed printouts of the Open Space Criteria and Open Space Priority Areas. The Committee discussed changes and modified them as follows:

Open Space Priority Areas:

1. The Monadnock-Sunapee Trail and related unfragmented space in western Dublin.
2. The Mountain Brook watershed to Howe Reservoir.
3. Land contiguous to Monadnock State Park along Eveleth Brook and down through the wetlands to Thorndike Pond.
4. A trail and wildlife corridor from Monadnock State Park to the southeast corner of Dublin.
5. Beech Hill north to Harrisville.
6. The Stanley Brook corridor from Thorndike Pond to MacDowell Reservoir.
7. The area in southeast Dublin that connects with conservation lands in Peterborough and Jaffrey.

Criteria for Selecting Open Space Priority Areas:

- Water Supply / Aquifer
- Surface Waters
- Wetlands
- Wildlife Habitat
- Biodiversity
- Productive Soils
- Recreation
- Unfragmented Tracts
• Connections and Buffers
• Existing or Potential Trails
• Scenic Assets, Viewsheds, Ridgelines, Important Landscape Features
• Historic Sites and Cultural Landscapes

Discussion also involved the colors, cross-hatching and town lines on the map. Suggestions will be implemented prior to the next meeting.

The committee will schedule a public meeting for Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. The next OSPC will meet at 10:00 on Thursday, October 25.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Ed Germain
Secretary