

## **Future Open Space Planning Committee September 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

### **Present:**

Wayne Brooking, Craig Cooper, Chris Franklin, Frank Governalli, John Greene, Caitlin Jordan, Carol Anne Jordan, Jessica Sullivan, Maureen O'Meara, Chuck Lawton, Katie List

### **Absent:**

Richard Bauman, Bo Norris

### **Minutes of the August 17 meeting**

Approved with minor changes – addition of the list of committee members present and absent; the name of the secretary for the meeting.

### **Cost Benefit Analysis.**

Chuck Lawton of Planning Decisions reviewed the baseline numbers of the study. The details of the review are included in a PowerPoint presentation that is available on the town website at - [http://www.capeelizabeth.com/government/bds\\_commissions/ad\\_hoc/future\\_open\\_space\\_preservation/meeting\\_materials/packets/index.php?directory=/2011/09-21-2011/document title - 'Cape E Open Space.ppt'](http://www.capeelizabeth.com/government/bds_commissions/ad_hoc/future_open_space_preservation/meeting_materials/packets/index.php?directory=/2011/09-21-2011/document%20title%20-%20Cape%20E%20Open%20Space.ppt)

Questions/Comments from committee members:

Chris Franklin & Frank Governalli questioned the focus on 'cost per student' in determining the cost of open space.

Chuck Lawton asked if the committee wanted the 'driver' to go beyond households/housing units to include vacant lots.

The Cost Benefit Analysis subcommittee was formed to work with Maureen O'Meara and Chuck Lawton as advisors on the minutia of this task. The committee members are Jessica Sullivan, Craig Cooper and Frank Governalli.

### **Key Parcels**

The Committee began the review of the priority setting criteria for selecting open space.

- Agriculture was a highly rated component for the committee. Actively farmed within the last five years and

within the last ten years were proposed as a part of the criteria. Decided to use five years and re-evaluate as definitions are further refined.

- The overlay map for agricultural parcels was reviewed. John Greene and Carol Anne Jordan will provide Maureen O'Meara with information regarding leased land in order to further refine the map.

Further review of maps with overlay for the addition criteria showed that the criteria needs to be further refined.

- The committee asked Chris Franklin to share the land trusts methodology for selecting key parcels.

A very preliminary list of key parcels was distributed by Maureen O'Meara.

**Range of Tools** - Deferred to the next meeting

**Next meeting** - October 5, 2011 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Anne Jordan