

Open Space Management Committee Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2011

Present: Zach Matzkin, John Planinsek, Jessica Sullivan, Marti Blair, Town Planner Maureen O'Meara

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.
2. Minutes of April 11, 2011 approved.
3. Correspondence. None.
4. Citizen comment. None.
5. The public forum is scheduled for Thursday, May 26. Maureen will arrange for a secretary to come and take minutes. Maureen will take care of public notices, media, website. We will probably meet on May 24 to plan for the forum.
6. Review of complete draft. Dick provided his comments to Maureen. She will incorporate those into the final draft. Maureen also agreed to add a Table of Contents. We need to decide on a cover, a background map was one suggestion.

Page 2, line 25: add review at least every ten years

Maureen went out to see the Alewife Cove property last week. There are several parcels that need to be visited by the Commission.

Page 4, line 1: Maureen will include a definition of fee lands and easements.

When we get a new piece of property the chart and maps can be updated.

Page 6, line 16: "N" means a use should not occur on this lot.

Page 6, line 16: Maureen will re-word the definitions of N and Y, with Y going first and N being clear that the use is not permitted.

Page 6, line 18: Delete sentences about hunting and snowmobiling

Page 6, line 23: bold type multi-user trail system

Page 6, line 29: has few instead of does not have a lot

Page 6, line 31: entrance into these lands is not encouraged with signing or construction of trails

Charts: They will be presented in portrait format, with bold N's stronger

Page 12, line 22: wording added, the portion of the downed tree that is blocking the trail may be removed by

Page 13, line 34: clarify the language about trail improvements

Page 14, line 2: this is the place where we make a small reference to handicapped accessibility. It was noted that on page 2, the quote from the Greenbelt Plan Vision Statement (created by the Conservation Commission), says “at least a portion of which will be handicapped accessible.” We should include a reference on page 14 to our intentions.

We discussed the contradiction between our policy to keep the trails minimally improved and the vision of having some accessible trails. Maureen will add a paragraph that talks about limitations of trail surface and gradations, and what we are doing to address accessibility.

Page 17, line 29: Delete from end of the sentence through to line 39.

Page 20, line 21: Delete sentence about removal of horse manure.

Page 20, line 25: Delete history of horses paragraph. Line 32: Delete Today

Page 21, line 20: snowmobiles as shown on the Land Use Chart

Page 26, line 21: Delete (33) volunteers

Page 29, line 39: Delete Pet Waste section

Page 29, line 32: Under Related Recommendations add a reference to monitoring of Conservation Easements.

Page 30, line 14: Add or within 10 yards of town-marked greenbelt trail

7. Next meeting Tuesday, May 10. Review of revised final draft of plan with maps.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.