



Open Space Planning Committee

Minutes

October 25, 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, Mike Walker, Sue Yarger. Absent: Joe Cavanaugh.

The minutes of October 11 were approved.

Discussion initially focused on fine-tuning the Criteria for Selecting Open Space Priority Areas. The final criteria, at this point, are:

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

Individual members were asked to study seven areas proposed for Priority Areas and individual members were to report at the Public Meeting scheduled for 7 pm on November 7th, as follows:

1. The Monadnock-Sunapee Trail and related unfragmented space in western Dublin: Sterling Abram
2. The Mountain Brook watershed to Howe Reservoir: Jack Lewis

3. Land contiguous to Monadnock State Park along Eveleth Brook and down through the wetlands to Thorndike Pond: Ed Germain
4. A trail and wildlife corridor from Monadnock to the southeast corner of Dublin: Henry James
5. Beech Hill north to Harrisville: Anne Anable
6. The Stanley Brook corridor from Thorndike Pond to MacDowell Reservoir: Sue Yarger
7. The area in southeast Dublin that connects with conservation lands in Peterborough and Jaffrey: Mike Walker

The committee agreed to put a notice in the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript and to post notices in Dublin.

Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED

Ed Germain

Secretary