



Open Space Planning Committee

Minutes
September 27, 2007

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

Minutes of September 13, 2007 were approved.

The integration of the Ad Hoc Open Space Committee's work with the recommendations of the Conservation Commission and the Master Plan:

The committee reviewed the criteria for protecting a given area, noting the similarity of the Ad Hoc committee's list with the 2007 Dublin Master Plan, especially the Town Land Use Goals on page 23 and some of the Land Use Initiatives that follow. The resulting integration is as follows:

Details of each area and the reasons that it is especially worth conserving:

- Description of each area
- Open Space Benefits for each area:
 - a) Water Supply / Aquifer
 - b) Surface Water
 - c) Wetlands
 - d) Wildlife Habitat
 - e) Biodiversity
 - f) Productive Soils
 - g) Recreation¹
 - h) Unfragmented Tracts
 - i) Connections and Buffers
 - j) Existing or Potential Trails
 - k) Scenic Assets, Viewsheds, Ridgelines, Important Landscape Features
 - l) Class VI Roads
 - m) Historic Sites and Cultural Landscapes
 - n) Education

¹ The committee recommended that this category become more explicit.

Viewsheds:

Dublin has a complete Viewshed Map Folio completed in 2006 by Southwest Region Planning Commission.

Southwest Region Planning Commission advised the town to analyze each mapped viewshed to determine what within that viewshed was being protected. The results of this analysis could become a list of criteria by which the value of any viewshed could be ranked.

Rating:

Rating, itself, seemed worth considering for all the criteria above. An area could ultimately be evaluated based on its total score. Perhaps a methodology or system to do this could be developed.

What needs to be done:

The committee discussed the issues involved with monitoring protected areas.

Members saw their work progressing along this path:

- 1) Decide what values to protect.
- 2) Explain why these values should be protected.
- 3) Pointing out where this protection should occur.
- 4) Formulating how the protection should be implemented.
- 5) Guiding the protection process.

The committee will hold a public meeting after item number 3.

Integrating the work of the Ad Hoc Committee

The committee examined the 'Action Area Listing' made by the previous Ad Hoc Open Space Committee and agreed on the following:

Major Action Areas:

1. Areas in southeast Dublin that connect with Peterborough's and Jaffrey's conserved lands.
2. The Stanley Brook corridor from Thorndike Pond to Mud Pond.
3. The Great Swamp Corridor to Howe Reservoir.
4. The Monadnock-Sunapee Trail and related unfragmented space in western Dublin.
5. Beech Hill and the Monadnock Highlands north to Harrisville conservation lands.
6. Land contiguous to Monadnock State Park along Eveleth Brook and down through the wetlands to Thorndike Pond.
7. A corridor from Monadnock State Park to the southeast corner of Dublin.
8. Undeveloped land uphill from the ring roads around Mount Monadnock.
9. The gateways on Route 101 into Dublin.

Map for a Public Meeting:

The committee decided on the type of map that would be useful in its first public meeting. Betsey said she would get the map. Jack said the Conservation Commission had some mapping funds for this. No lot lines would be on the map, conserved land would be in one green color. The Action Areas would be

in, or outlined in, different colors. A digital version might be viable, one that could be projected in a PowerPoint presentation, with the various Action Areas appearing one-at-a-time.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting is scheduled to be on Thursday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m.

This meeting adjourned at 11:40

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED

Ed Germain
Secretary