



Town of Falmouth
Long-range Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Members Present: Hugh Smith, Lissa Robinson, David Chase, Hugh Coxe
Council Liaison – Bonny Rodden

Staff Present: Amanda Stearns, Community Development Director

A. Stearns reviewed the maps prepared with the committee. It was decided that the Vernal Pool Analysis map should have the pools shown and also include the 750 area of concern as a dashed line. The Committee also asked that the same map be prepared to show the 250 radius as the area that is regulated.

The illustration map showing the areas of concern for all resources will be redone using another property as a base without the lot lines. D. Chase will provide the base resource map for staff.

The Committee reviewed the comments from the Town Attorney and Jeff Simmons, consultant. Based on that discussion, staff will make the following adjustments.

1. Remove all reference to character trees.
2. Remove regulatory language regarding invasive species and replace with “encourage.”
3. Adjust term under transmission towers so that it does not conflict with natural resources term for qualified professional.
4. Add the terms rivers and brooks to stream with regard to buffer requirements.
5. Make minor language adjustments to the Timing of Surveys section

Action Steps:

David Chase: Call his contacts to get a digital copy of the Victoria Lane property boundary and natural resources.

Bonnie Rodden: Present the draft executive summary to the other members of CDC and get input on what the CDC would like for a presentation.

Amanda Stearns: Create illustrations of the four types of resources, wetlands, wetlands of special significance, vernal pools and vernal pools of special significance.

- Use the Victoria Lane data to create a comparison map of current and proposed regulations.
- Using the vernal pool map, create a map that shows a 250 foot circle around each vernal pool and a map that shows properties that would be touched by a 250 foot

circle around each pool. We will decide which of these we might use to illustrate the impact of the proposed ordinance.

- Make changes to the ordinance language from the changes we approved that came from reviews by Jeff and Bill Plouffe.

Hugh Smith: Develop a draft outline for a presentation to the CDC and possibly the Council.

Next meeting is September 10th.

Staff will send a reminder for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.?????