

WREP Meeting Minutes of 9/05/06.

Location: Hull

Attendees: Dick Avery, Faith Burbank, Judeth Van Hamm, Courtney Mullen,
Karen Farber, Margot Isabelle, Lawry Reid,
David Clinton

Scribe: Scott Plympton

- The Minutes from 7/5/05 were approved with minor corrections.
- Introductions to Margot Isabelle, new associate member from Hull

Land Protection Plan

- LPP is now finished! Ready for the printer (see Nancy Allen)
- Costs at approx. \$100 with reimbursement from town.
- Plans to print 30 copies (10 per town with distribution to Planning Bds. Conservation, Selectmen, Town Reps, Open Space Committees, Harbor Devl., Libraries, WRWA, Neighborhood groups, Hingham Land Trust, Town websites, etc.)
- Judeth to give copy to David by 9/18. David to make 30 CD's
- Dick to deliver to printer in Weymouth

Lofchie Property Update

- Judeth reports that the owner is seeking to develop the land unless we can act to purchase it. The owner is supportive to our efforts, but has waited 3 years for a group such as the DCR to step in.
- The property is approximately 6 acres in size and valued at \$500K
- The owner is pursuing a cluster zoning permit that would maximize open space.
- This could be a banner project for the Community Protection Act if passed by the town of Hull.

Community Protection Act

- The CPA comes to vote on Nov 7th
- This is a major effort of high importance
- We need to support this effort!
- Please think of ways that we can help advance this cause.

Hull Members Reappointment

- Courtney to prepare a letter to the selectmen
- Hull members will need to be available to the Selectmen to explain our organizational revisions and why we are reducing appointed members from 9 to 3 (tri-town committee)

- Meeting date for this has not been determined

George Washington Blvd Traffic Counts

- Counts completed by Mass Highway. An additional count will be conducted this fall
- A 'road-diet' is proposed to turn a 4-lane highway into a 2 lane road, with a turn lane and bike paths.
- The traffic counts are within the state approved limit for a 2 lane road.
- Next steps will be; to present this information, develop community support, and to budget state dollars for the design.

Winsor Property

- Lawry reports that they are planning to put up a new park bench and asks the group to send them a letter of thanks

Rain Gardens

- Cohasset now has a Storm Water Committee
- Lilly Pond now has some 50 individual rain gardens
- Lawry plans to join the committee and get them to focus on Straits Pond

Activities Matrix Update (see Matrix for additional details)

New

- Assist with a fall Estuary Clean up project as part of Coast Sweep Sept. 16

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be Oct 4 at 7:00 in Hingham