WREP Meeting Minutes of 11/01/06.

Location: Cohasset

Attendees: Dick Avery, Faith Burbank, Judeth Van Hamm, Lawry

Reid, Karen Farber, Jim Rodgers

Scribe: Scott Plympton

• The Minutes from 10/4/06 were approved with minor corrections.

 Correction to wording of the CELC Grant discussion, from "issues to acceptance" to "why we will not apply"

Land Protection Plan Update

Judeth reports that the LPP has been printed and distributed.

- 30 copies printed. Congratulations on this significant event!
- Feedback from the LPP presentation to Hull Selectmen:
 - Judeth reported that the slideshow PowerPoint presentation had issues but she continued with an oral presentation.
 - The presentation could be improved to highlight specific parcels and to prioritize protection efforts. As a lessons-learned, the presentation should engage the audience to search for ideas, gather support, and to hear their suggestions for funding alternatives.
 - High points for a FAQ include:
 - 78% of the land within the estuary is protected (74% within Hull). This leaves 22% exposed to the potential for development. If the CPA passes, Hull has 29 acres open for protection.
 - The Selectmen were given 2 copies each and were asked to review the document. We will be asking for their feedback at a later date.
 - No discussion on the LPP from was offered from the selectmen as the main focus of the meeting was to denoted to Hull's Community Preservation Act
 - Hull WREP membership appointments were tabled to another date.
- Next steps:
 - Prepare a press release. Contact Hull Times
 - o Put LPP on each town's website.
 - Review all checkpoints and officially release for our next meeting.

Hingham Land Acquisition:

 Faith reports that a parcel of land (see LPP pg 31, an un-numbered parcel by Porter's Cove between parcels 22 & 23) is under consideration for development.

- The parcel has value in providing an open vista of the estuary.
- The owners have applied for approval of a septic system variance. Issues with ledges make it difficult to develop.
- We would like to seek a conservation restriction with the Cons. Comm. and Open Space committiees.

Community Protection Act

- The CPA comes to vote on Nov 7th
- There was a request for volunteers.
- Scott and Judeth will conduct a video interview with Dennis Blackall to promote community awareness for CPA

Estuary Clean Up

- Karen contacted the county sheriff for inmate clean-up assistance.
 Unfortunately, the county will not do secondary roads.
- The Hingham District Court has contacted the Juvenile Offenders Program (Quincy) which may provided assistance as a community service opportunity.
- Lawry has set a date for a spring clean-up

Activities Matrix Update

- Detailed review of Activities Matrix.
- (See attached Matrix for additional details)

Next Time:

- Our next meeting will be December 6th at 7:00 in Hull.
- Focus will be on LPP publicity.
- ALL members are encouraged to attend.