

WREP Meeting Minutes of 01/03/07.

Location: Hull

Attendees: Dick Avery, Faith Burbank, Judeth Van Hamm, Karen Farber, Jim Rodgers, Margot Isabelle, Courtney Mullen

Scribe: Scott Plympton

- The Minutes from 11/01/06 were approved
- The December meeting of WREP was cancelled so that members could attend the Metro. Area Planning Council

Land Protection Plan Update

- Faith made a presentation of the LPP to Hingham Planning Board on 11/20 and received good feedback.
 - The prime focus for them was the Pedestrian Bike Path and the Open Space parcels.
 - We are expecting them to endorse and support the LPP after they have had time to read and process it. Target is Jan.
 - The board noted a missing component of the Hingham Special Permit. This will be corrected.
 - After the correction and review, we will put it on a CD for distribution and to put the LPP on the town's web site.
- Judith plans to meet with the Hull Conservation Commission on 1/23 and then present to the new Planning Board.
- Dick will make presentation to Cohasset's Con. Com and Planning Boards in February.
- Publicity Actions:
 - The group discussed the following approach:
 - Have the various boards review the LPP, then if it requires public action to publicize it.
 - We are actively seeking the board's endorsement
 - We see the LPP to be used as a component of Open Space planning
 - We will let the public know about the LPP after it is endorsed.

Creating a Land Trust:

- Discussion followed a review of the sub-committee meeting of 11/11. Highlights and action items include:

- Sources of information – a review of the publications from the Trustees of the Reservation, Trust for Public Lands, and the Land Trust Alliance.
- Understand how land could be donated, find volunteers, seeking legal assistance
- Setting up a Hull Land Conservation Trust
 - Judeth found \$70K in a town fund for land acquisition that could be a start
- Create a land trust board
 - A land trust board may be the first step in the process
 - A finishing step would be to contact Hull residents who voted for the CPA. “If these people donated \$80 each, it would be enough to purchase the Lofchie property with matching funds from the state”.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Update

- The MAPC was about planning the impact of future development
 - The need for affordable housing
 - Modeling the effects of development increases on the population, natural resources, and transportation
 - Displaying a matrix of possibilities to examine what the future might look like
- The MAPC will meet again in May.

Activities Matrix Update

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

Next Time:

- Our next meeting will be February 7th at 7:00 in Hingham.
- ALL members are encouraged to attend.