

## **WREP Meeting Minutes 11/14/2007**

Location: Hingham

Attendees:

Dick Avery Faith Burbank, Judeth Van Hamm, Lawry Reid, Margot Isabelle, Jim Rodgers, Courtney Mullin

Scribe: Scott Plympton

- Minutes from October were reviewed

### **Land Protection Plan Update:**

Judeth, Scott, and Rhoda Kannel met with Hull Planning Board and made a presentation on the LPP and showed them a video of the Estuary Park. It was well received and they express much interest in the Hull Land Conservation Trust and the Weir River Woods. In closing, we asked them for 1) their support for our LPP and to adopt it in to their Open Space Plan, and 2) to support the town meeting article (below).

### **Weir River Woods Walk:**

Members of the Hull Land Conservation Trust invited the Hull Planning Board to walk in the Weir River Woods. A good time was had by all, and Judeth's pictures and article on the walk were featured in the *Hull Times*.

### **Hull Town Meeting Article:**

Update the Hull's out of date Open Space Plan with funding held in Conservation Acquisition Fund and hire a consultant to perform the work.

- Judeth will prepare a draft of the article for our review at our next meeting in December.
- Dick noted to consider our open space as our water views and access to water.
- Scott noted that the Cons Com was promoting putting up signs to around Hull that identified "public way" in access points around the estuary.

### **County Land Court Memo:**

- Hull town consul, Jim Lamke sent the WREP committee a memo about cases up for the county land court where property owners along the estuary are extending their property boundaries to below the water line. A developer is having success in overriding restrictions and by using the 'accretion theory' they owners can now build on previously un-buildable lots and put up larger additions.
  - ACTION: Forward this memo to Jim Comeau (DCR), Jason Burtner (ACEC), and Wetlands Protection representatives.

- We have a strong precedence established for protecting land in the estuary.
- Follow up with town consul, Cons Com, and Peter Shelles (sp).

**Quarry Pond Update:**

- Mass Housing has denied Mr. Boyle's request to build 250 unit condo complex with a 40B affordable housing on the Quarry Pond land behind the Hingham Courthouse. They also denied his revised proposal of 86 units. This is very good news!
- The letter pointed out that this was an inappropriate location sighting the Rivers Protection Act, ACEC, EPA, DCR, and Endangered Species Act restrictions. Please note that this gives us leverage in the Land Court meme above.
- Faith will write thank you letters to all involved including: Sen. Hedlund, ACED, DCR, and Hingham ZBA.

**Activities Matrix Update:**

The remainder of the meeting provided updates to our matrix of activities.

**Next Meeting**

Cohasset      Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

Look at the Hull town articles.