

## **WREP Meeting Minutes 01/25/12**

Location: Hingham

Attendees:

Dick Avery, Faith Burbank, Judeth Van Hamm, Amy May,

Scribe: Scott Plympton

Minutes of our last meeting were reviewed and approved

### **Liz Sorenson / ACEC**

- Faith will draft a letter to Liz to thank her ACEC efforts from the WREP.
- The ACEC program has been inactive with her departure. Joe Orfant is the Bureau Chief Resource Protection and new point of contact.

### **Resource Management Plan**

- Amy to organize and draft the plan, then distribute to committee members. Progress has been slow.
- Dick notes that Paul Shea was unable to attend last meeting. Dick will not be able to attend our next meeting and may try for schedule change.
- Add the guest comments to the draft (harbor masters, conservation committees/agents, Harbor Development, Bare Cove).
- Proposed guests to include the Board of Health and Parks and Recreation committees.

### **Town Reports**

- Town reports are coming up. Prepare a 'year in review'.
- Hingham is due 2/12

### **Noonan Property Update**

- This lot is 7.91 acres within the ACEC and called the Ice Pond or Sydney's Pond and part of the old Weir River smelt run.
- The property is at risk for future development.
- The Hingham Community Preservation Act will not go forward with this acquisition in this year's town meeting and it will be in competition with other projects for next year. The DCR expresses no interest.
- Consider options for conservation easements, or contact the Hingham Land Trust (Kathy Reardon) or TPL (Dorothy Scofield)

### **Hull Land Conservation Trust**

- HLCT completes its financial obligations in the acquisition of the Chatham street gateway to the Weir River Woods.
- Over \$300,000 was raised in 5 years. Congratulations!

### **Lofchie Property Update**

- Judeth confirms that the Eastman Road right of way connects to the peninsula in Straits Pond. It is possible to walk all the way around the pond with the access of the Lofchie property.
- A new plan for the property is needed.

- Cohasset Land Trust has interest in helping when a deal comes through.

**Black Rock**

- A parcel on the former Black Rock Hotel property, which was previously unbuildable, is now in danger of development due to an improper sewer tie-in.

**Rain Gardens**

- The town of Hull as started work on the Richards Rd rain garden project.

**Eagle Scout**

- The scout project is working to get permits for information kiosks along Straits Pond

**Showboat Property**

- The new Hull Rotary Club continues with their goal for a roadside park at the former Showboat property.

**Next Meeting**

- 3/27 at the Weir River Estuary Center. 7:00PM

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