

**TOWN OF JAFFREY
Jaffrey, New Hampshire**

**Ad hoc Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2010**

Present: Kresge, Doane, Thompson, Koch, George, Garretson, Graf
Absent: Moore, Sawyer, Therriault

WORKING SESSION

Chairman Kresge called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

This was the first meeting of the expanded ad hoc open space committee (from 4 members to 10 members). New committee members were oriented to the overall process and purpose of the ad hoc committee.

A proposed outline for an Open Space Plan was presented for discussion. If approved, this outline would guide the discussions at upcoming meetings of the committee. One area of discussion was the definition of open space. This issue had been a topic of conversation for the smaller ad hoc committee earlier in the process, but was repeated here with the expanded committee. It was agreed that valuable open space was not necessarily limited to only large tracts of land, and that it should include working lands, land with recreational opportunities, land with high natural resource values, scenic vistas, and areas of historical or cultural significance.

The committee considered whether or not the OSP should include some broad identification of priority areas for open space protection in Jaffrey. Members felt that it was definitely not a role of this committee to identify specific parcels that merited protection, but that a more broad-based approach that identified sectors of town as being priority areas could be useful.

There was preliminary discussion on some of the values of open space to Jaffrey. These values would form the basis for developing criteria to help prioritize and evaluate specific open space protection opportunities.

Committee members felt that the 5:00 p.m. meeting start time was too early, and suggested a 6:00 pm start time for future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on July 7 at 6:00 p.m..

Submitted:

Mark W. Kresge
Chairman, Ad hoc Open Space Committee