

**TOWN OF JAFFREY  
Jaffrey, New Hampshire**

**Ad hoc Open Space Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2010**

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

**Absent:** Graf

**WORKING SESSION**

Chairman Kresge called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Draft language prepared for the opening sections of the Open Space Plan based on the previous meeting's discussions was reviewed. Suggestion was made to clarify and expand upon the evolution of the ad hoc committee – initially a small group for the focus group discussions, then expanded to its current size for preparation of the OSP. Suggestion was also made to have a more explicit reference to the state Wildlife Action Plan, and include a map in an Appendix. In discussions of definition of open space, it was pointed out that “undeveloped land” is not an adequate description since we intend to include working lands such as farms.

Possible evaluation criteria were discussed for evaluating and ranking open space opportunities. Criteria were organized by four categories – natural resources, recreation, economic impacts, and public support/influence upon community character. Observations were made that many of the criteria being discussed spanned across multiple categories, so it may not be useful to organize them in that manner. Possible ranking/scoring methodologies were discussed, but the committee felt that this might be premature. The list of criteria was found to be useful, but application of criteria to specific projects could be left to a future committee/board reviewing site-specific opportunities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on July 21.

Submitted:

Mark W. Kresge  
Chairman, Ad hoc Open Space Committee