

February 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes
Upton Open Space Committee

Nipmuc High, Gathering Room, 7.30 PM

Members present:

Alan Miano
Mike Penko
Marcella Stasa
Bill Taylor

Attendees:

Ellen Arnold
Planning Board Members

BT asked to resolve language of Scenic Roads Bylaw (SRB) warrant article to:
“Proponent shall prepare Layout to show all stone walls and endeavor to inventory trees over 12” DBH. All agreed.

Goal at tonight’s Planning Board (PB) meeting is to resolve whether or not to hold a hearing. It is not required.

PB, UOSC and Historical Commission (HC) can call a hearing to designate roads.

7.50 Meeting moved to meet with the PB in the PDC.

BT presented latest draft of SRB with a map of proposed roads and asked for feedback. Noted changes.

Mapping is not required but it would be helpful.

A clear definition of some wall would help.

Three boards may propose road designations but only PB can regulate. This is the law.

About 6 filings a year can be expected based on Hopkinton’s experience.

Wooden fences are not covered in the SRB.

Applicant pays the hearing fees and advertisement costs. Some communities have fixed dollar amounts.

Actual cost preferred, makes it easier in the future.

Applicant notifies the abutters within a given distance of the work. 300’ from proposed work is the law. 500’ of frontage?

Law doesn’t require notification.

Con Com and HC to be notified.

Discussion of utilities and emergency work.

PB satisfied with the bylaw as corrected.

Non zoning bylaw is not required but recommended.

Informational meeting scheduled for March 27th at 7.30.

BT will investigate having info for designations.

8.35 Meeting moved back to the Gathering room

EA- Be sure to include retaining walls- they may not be visible from the roads. Clarify "mitigation"

Mitigation is not required.

Can PB approve with conditions?

We need to produce a FAQ sheet for the info meeting.

What is the status of Miscoe Hill Road? We should walk it and inventory the walls.

BT will take over as UOSC Chairman as of next meeting. Unanimously approved.

MP to take over the website.

North Street Parcels-we still need to do research on the deed on the parcel abutting the Warren Brook Watershed Conservation Area (WBWCA).

Thompson lot on Westborough Street-let that go until other stuff is resolved.

Cutler/Pierie parcels abutting the WBWCA- no word.

Events- Hoping for another mushroom walk; Dodds butterfly walk, Kiwanis.

Meeting adjourned 9.21 PM