

Sterling Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Butterick Building
August 2, 2007

Meeting began 7:10 PM

Present: Maryanne MacLeod, Sue Valentine, Brian Cline, Bill Ayadi, Joyce Hinckley, Marion Larson

Acceptance of Minutes: July 26 meeting minutes are not yet available.

MRPC Regional Trail meeting was held June 18 and B. Cline attended. There is a project that is looking to map trails and we need to prioritize what we would like done first. MRPC intern would be going out on the trail with a GPS. We need to find out if this person needs to have someone go along and also what other information may be recorded in this project. **ACTION STEPS--S. Valentine** said she would get the trail mapping from Nicole West of UMass of the Waushacum Overlook and **M. Larson** will call MRPC (Sheri Dufour) to find out the answers to the above questions.

Open Space Plan Needs

Brian Cline made a sheet showing the DCS suggestions/recommendations on what needs updating and most of this has been assigned to various people. J. Hinckley noted that Population information may not be much changed due to the 2000 census still being in effect. There was also comment that the Town Clerk has sent out an annual census survey—**Action Steps--J. Hinckley** will check into this information. **M. Larson** will call Mike Pineo to remind him of the Con Comm property information he was going to supply. **B. Ayadi** will contact DCR about any additional CRs, contact Town Assessors about additions to the list of Chapter 61 and 61A lands and also contact Jim French of Sterling Land Trust for the list of additional properties.

ALL MEMBERS are reminded that their draft sections are due end of September. Funding inquiry by S. Valentine regarding the Pandolf Perkins situation. Would the committee be getting the funds and when. Info from the meeting with T. Ackerman was covered for S. Valentine—bottom line, it's unknown if we will get it and when. This is a decision made by Mass. Dept of Environmental Protection, not Pandolph Perkins or the Town.

Open Space Survey

J. Hinckley went over revision suggestions step by step through the entire survey, with some committee members staying until 9:30 to finish up the revisions needed. M. Larson plans to use it at the Sterling Fair. Members commended Joyce for her patience and diligence on the survey.

Meeting Adjourned 9:20PM