

Sterling Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Butterick Building

November 15, 2007

Meeting began 7:05 PM

Present: Maryanne MacLeod, Brian Cline, Peder Pedersen, Marion Larson, Joyce Hinckley, Bill Ayadi, Mike Pineo  
Guests: Sheri Dufour and Jason Stanton of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC). Peder Pedersen arrived at 8:15.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion made by B Cline to accept meeting minutes from November 1 meeting and seconded by J. Hinckley. No discussion. Unanimous vote to accept minutes as written.

MRPC Regional Trail Project—B. Cline reminded the committee this was a working session with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) as part of a Regional Trail Project that the MRPC has undertaken. Digitized map of trails identified at a June 18 meeting were projected for the committee members to comment on. S. Dufour and J. Stanton collected data from committee members on 9 trails, including but not limited to trail ownership, type, priority and re-drawing of some trails.

ACTION ITEMS related to trail project from committee members:

- B. Cline or S. Valentine to send digitized map of Waushacum Overlook trail network for labeling the trails.
- B. Cline to obtain system of fire roads/logging roads on DCR Watershed Supply lands.

- Any other known trails to be mapped need to be sent to J. Stanton as soon as possible as this project is continuing to move forward.

MRPC staff also said that OSIC could apply for mapping services needed for the Open Space Plan as part of the Town of Sterling hours that are available.

Motion made that the OSIC committee apply to the Board of Selectmen for GIS mapping services by utilizing the hours allotted for the town was made by B Cline and seconded by M. Larson. P Pedersen asked MRPC staff if hours carried over into the next calendar year and J. Stanton affirmed that this was correct. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Old Business—Waushacum Overlook Dedication was well attended last weekend. Good coverage by local papers.

OSIC Surveys—M. MacLeod and J Hinckley will coordinate tabulating the information. M. Larson still has the surveys from the Sterling Fair and will turn them in to M. MacLeod. A few more surveys came in to the Butterick Building and B Cline thought that S. Valentine may have a few more. Any other surveys need to be given to either M. Macleod or J. Hinckley immediately.

Next Meeting: December 6, 7PM. Butterick Building. It was also discussed that on the December 20 meeting date that there be a social meeting, (spouses/significant others invited) B Cline is considering hosting at his home.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10

