

Sterling Open Space Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2008
Butterick Building, Sterling

Present: Brian Cline, Marion Larson, Bob Protano, Peder Petersen, Maryanne MacLeod, Bill Ayadi, Joyce Hinckley

Meeting Began 7:03 PM

No Minutes available from last meeting to approve.

Open Space Task Chart

Bill Ayadi took the information from the last meeting on tasks to be done and put it in a chart so it was clear who was doing what.

Mapping Status

Updating maps is very important for the Open Space Plan—we would like to convert the files from the last plan for manipulation in the latest software. This takes time and expertise.

B Cline has investigated the software currently owned by the town and found there is a full version of the 9.2 ArcMap on the Con Com and Building Inspector computers. It's possible the Matt Morro, Con Comm agent, may be able to assist in some mapping.

B. Cline is not sure we have the 16 hours of time from MRPC for mapping because a letter from the town has not yet gone out to MRPC. He will continue to check on the status of the letter.

Open Space Survey Results

Joyce Hinckley and Maryanne MacLeod shared the quantitative results of the surveys they had. It now remains for the information to be consolidated. M. MacLeod has the 16 surveys done by M. Larson for the Sterling Fair which are a slightly different format and will need to figure this out.

Due to time factors, we did not go over the qualitative remarks—they will be included in a final document for all to read.

Public Forum—We need to look for a place and date for a forum that would be discussing the findings of the survey. If timing is right for All Boards meeting, perhaps some feedback can be gained at that meeting. Need to add on to agenda for next meeting.

Regional Open Space News & Issues

Wekepeke Property—No news to report. M. Larson says there has not been any response yet from the town of Clinton regarding the latest draft of conservation restriction language that was sent by MassWildlife.

Bob Protano announced **All Boards Meeting is scheduled for April 12**. This announcement did not find its way into the Open Space mailbox. It would also appear this is too late for our Public Forum.

Letter of Support Requested—Maryanne MacLeod requested of the Committee a letter of support for a Mass. Historical Grant application she is working on for the Legion Hall, a building in need of repairs. Questions were asked about who owns the building, the historic nature of the building and what work needed to be done. MacLeod noted it is a historic building, owned by the town but leased to the Legion but reverts to the town if the Legion goes elsewhere. It's known that the roof is in need of repair and stabilization, but the extent of needed repair is not entirely known at this time. **Motion made by Bob Protano** that a letter from the Committee be written that indicated support for actions that would help preserve the building. **Motion Seconded by Peder Pedersen**. The vote was 5 Yes for the motion, 1 No vote. M. MacLeod was asked to draft a document explaining the information she provided at the meeting and B. Cline and M. Larson would take the information and put into a letter form to be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM