

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
22 May 2014
Arlington Town Hall

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Present: Ann LeRoy, Chair; Jane Auger, Patsy Kraemer, Joey Glushko, ElizabethKarpati, Michele Hassler

Guests: Adam Kurowski , Ralph Willmer

Joey and Ralph will meet to develop a contract for his work with us. We received CDBG funding to cover this work for the new Open Space Plan.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Adam distributed some maps for use in the new plan. He recommends using a numbering system for all the Open Space maps so they can be referenced throughout the plan. He said that there is a difference between “permanently protected” open space and other unprotected parcels. He shows that disparity on the maps. He recommends that we print the maps in color for the final plan.

The group discussed various classes of land ownership and recommended various versions for inclusion in the plan, including state-owned, private protected, private unprotected, town protected, town unprotected, other. Adam will get us a list of the various open space properties so we can verify the class.

We also want to show the adjacent open space lands in other communities.

Adam has developed a map to show the linear open spaces. These include the Alewife Reservation, the Mill Brook, the Minuteman Bikeway, the Mystic River Reservation.

Adam introduced the concept of different sizing of maps for design purposes in Chapter 5. Ann recommended that contour lines be added to some of the maps, specifically Menotomy Rocks, Mt. Gilboa. She also suggested that public entrances be indicated. Adam will send us maps of the individual parcels; then we'll be able to mark them up with recommended changes.

Ann has received some edits on the assignments made to committee members. Others are due. We also need to look at the tables and make adjustments.

Ralph will take care of census data and demographic data. We need to do infrastructure data and town-based programs (such as storm water education program).

Joey will look at the appendices and evaluate them.

We need to evaluate the action plan and update. Elizabeth has done much work on the accomplishments.

Ralph will take a closer look at Section 7 (Management Needs and Resources) to determine what needs to be done.

We need to evaluate the goals and make recommendations for changes.

Ann recommended that we all check out the survey on the town's website. It is associated with the master plan.

Minutes of the March 27th meeting - Ann had sent some comments to Elizabeth (the writer of the minutes). Minutes approved.

Patsy Kraemer

June 24, 2014