OPEN SPACE & CONSERVATION
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 17, 2011
6:00 PM

A/B HIGH SCHOOL – 36 CHARTER ROAD
ROOM 106E

CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Tom Arnold

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Jeff Clymer, Susan Mitchell-Hart

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Tidman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Arnold

VISITORS: none

Working Meeting – Update Open Space & Recreation Plan

6:00 Meeting called to order.

1. Tom Arnold reported that he had an email from Melissa Cryan at the Division of Conservation Services. The email states that towns should set priorities as they see fit and that DCR generally encourages communities "to not give a parcel by parcel list of land to acquire".

2. It was agreed that the following characteristics would be used to determine priorities:
   a. Rural character: agricultural land, abutting land
   b. Recreation potential: Bruce Freeman rail trail and other trail linkages, parking lots, etc.
   c. environmental values: open space, view-sheds, linkages of parcels, water quality protection- ponds and streams, etc.
   d. Others: land protection priorities by the Acton Water District, parcels identified by Natural Heritage, parcels identified by other town committees.

3. Public Input: The workbook published by DCR stresses the need for public input throughout the process. We will get the survey results from Peter Ashton.

4. Priorities Established: Jeff will send a list of those priority parcels and the scores agreed to at the meeting.

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Chair

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