CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2011
6:00 PM
ROOM 204 - ACTON TOWN HALL
472 MAIN STREET

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Andrew Magee, Fran Portante, Bill Froberg, Tom Arnold

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: none

Working Meeting – Update Open Space & Recreation Plan
Meeting originally scheduled in room 121, properly posted as moved to room 204

6:15 Mr. Maitland called the meeting to order.

Mr. Magee gave an overview of information on the following sections for the Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP):

- Statement of Purpose, need to have a discussion of "gains and losses".
- Goals & Objectives has been started.
- Section 3 – Peter Ashton had completed subsections C & D, but these will need to be updated.
- Section 4 – Ms. Green has completed soils, climate and topography, but had missing items. She will look at it again..
- Water Resources – Matt Mostoller will re-write and report back.
- Section 5 (a) – land inventory – Mr. Tidman will check on the status with Jeff Clymer, one additional sub-committee meeting is needed.
- Section 5 (b) – private parcels – Mr. Maitland has completed.

Section 5 (c) – public & non-profit parcels – Ms. Portante reviewed the outline of Section 5 (c) 9, 10 and 11 noting that this needs to be reformatted. She has received the completed section regarding municipal lands from Dean Charter, Municipal Properties Director. The section pertaining to recreation has a difficult matrix to abide by and needs work. School lands have been completed by J.D. Head.
Mr. Froberg will produce a narrative for the school properties.

Mr. Magee will rewrite Sections 5 (c) 9, 10 and 11 and will summarize Section 2(a) gains and losses; Assessor's Department can help with the total number of acres the town has acquired since the 2007 OSRP.

Section 6 - Ms. Portante has completed a brief overview of Acton 2020 goals and objectives which are similar to old objectives.

Mr. Magee inquired as to how the Commission wishes to develop Section 6: (1) series of public meetings (2) meet with other boards (3) rely on the Open Space Survey.

The Commission needs to have a public process; this is a similar document to the Acton 2020 process.
Acton 2020 goals identified:

1. preserve town character
2. ensure environmental sustainability
3. improve intra-town connectivity
4. provide more areas for community gathering and recreation
5. inclusion and diversity
6. preserve and enhance town owned assets
7. maintain and improve financial well being in town

Mr. Froberg asked if the goals going forward are acceptable or does the Commission need to rationalize with the Acton 2020 Plan.

Mr. Magee noted what the old goals were and asked if they need to be modified:

1. preserve Acton's remaining of rural character
2. environmental protection
3. improve and expand Acton's recreational opportunities

Mr. Magee stated that he would review Section 6 to see what was done last time.

Ms. Portante reported that she has updated goals and will circulate to Commissioners.

Mr. Tidman, Mr. Arnold and Ms. Portante will meet prior to the next meeting to discuss Section 7 for review at the next meeting.

Next meeting is November 30 at 6:00PM in Room 121 at the town hall.

8:00 meeting adjourned.

Terry Maitland

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Chair

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