

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2012
6:00 PM
ACTON TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET - ROOM 126**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Bill Froberg, Fran Portante, Tom Arnold,
Jim Colman

CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR & RECORDING SECRETARY: Tom Tidman

VISITORS: none

Working Meeting – Update Open Space & Recreation Plan

6:00 Meeting called to order.

Ms. Portante updated the Commission on the status of the report, noting that she has met with Recreation staff and Mr. Tidman.

Section 7

Ms. Portante stated that the Commission needs to be certain that the “goals & objectives” described in Section 8 and the “five year action plan” in Section 9 are “sourced” in Section 7.

Mr. Tidman has completed much of what will appear as action items.

Section 7.B.7

The Commission discussed ways to improve public outreach.

Mr. Tidman mentioned efforts by the Town to acquire the Harris Street site, creating indoor space for recreation.

Section 7.B.8

The Commission discussed the need to identify future parking locations for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Section 7.B.9

Mr. Arnold noted the need to consider shorter ‘safer’ trails within the view of the parking lots or roads.

The Commission discussed potential “pocket park” locations.

Section 7.C

The Commission discussed the Town’s interest in developing a new land use department, possibly allowing for more direct interaction and conversation between development plans and conservation and recreation areas.

Section 7.C.5

Ms. Portante noted that Mr. Magee will update the Commission on the status of Route 2 land protection at a later date.

The Commission discussed the possibility of greater protection on all of the Town's conservation lands, noting that the topic had been discussed several times at previous Open Space Committee meetings.

The need to manage and oversee parcels with conservation restrictions was also discussed.

Next meeting - February 29 at 6:00 PM

7:20 Meeting adjourned.



Terry Maitland
Chair

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