

North Salem Open Space Committee

10/23/08 Meeting Notes

Present:

Amy Rosmarin
Graham Trelsted
Cynthia Curtis
Elaine Sweeney
Pat Cary
Lynn DeGregorio
John Roach
Martin Aronchik

Meeting start: 7:20 PM

Graham reported that he has put all of the Committee's road reporting information in one format and will soon be mapping it.

Cynthia updated us regarding the status of the Historic Landmarks Committee. They are mapping their inventory and expect their work to be completed in 2 weeks. This will be folded into the OSC map.

We discussed the way we want the layers presented in the final document. Too much information on one map will not be clear. Therefore, there will be a several different maps which together will containing the following information:

- Parcel boundaries
- Roads
- Arial view
- Water bodies, streams, wetlands
- Steep slopes
- Ownership: DEP, Open Land, Conservation easements
- County/town parks, town facilities
- Agricultural uses
- Viewsheds
- Recreation inventory
- Historic inventory

Graham will create a set of maps for the Committee to review.

We had a discussion regarding agricultural districts and agricultural exemptions from the perspective of their implications vis a vis land use and taxes and exemptions to which they are entitled. We also discussed the way in which the law works.

Cynthia gave an update on the status of the Recreation Committee.

Martin mentioned Paul Greenwood's talk last night at the Lion's Club.

We discussed how to implement our plan and how to integrate it into the CP Committee work. We discussed how the various committees (Recreation, Historic Landmarks, OSC, CP committee) will work together.

Cynthia said that there are aspects of what the other groups will do that will influence us and that what we come up with will influence their work.

We discussed the tree slashing law for parcels with agricultural exemptions.

Next meetings:

November 6, 2008

November 18, 2008

December 15, 2008

tentatively: January 20, 2009 -- presentation including both maps and narrative to the CP Committee