

Minutes Natural Resources Sub-Committee of the Master Plan

Meeting: Wednesday May 23th 5:00 PM Great Hall

Members Present: Chris Franson; Dave Senecal; Joyce Davis; Steve Durgan; Suzanne Ryan, Dan Coons, Patti Burns, Carl Crosley

Agenda:

- 1) Meeting started at 5:05 PM.
- 2) Sections 10 – 12 of the Natural Resources Inventory were discussed. The discussion is out lined below and fell into two areas. The first was the need for more information and/or updating some of the information in the inventory. The second was related to areas where the committee felt that there would possibly be recommendations for the master plan.
- 3) The Minutes of the May. 9th meeting were accepted unanimously.
- 4) The next meeting will deal with sections Constrained Lands and Current Use as well as looking at handouts relating to general issues, agriculture, views, and water quality.
- 5) The meeting was adjourned at 6:30

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Information Needed or Needing to Be Updated for sections 10 – 12.

- a) Update Wildlife Action Plan. Now there is a 2015 version.
- b) Ranking of Highest Ranked, Highest ranked by State and Supporting Landscapes so it pertains to Wolfeboro.
- c) Update lists of Species of Concern and related tables associated with invasive, threatened species and beneficial insects.
- d) Update boat access to include Sargents Pond canoe access.
- e) Update recreation area table to reflect open to the public lands and other recreation areas that are private or sometimes available to the public.

Discussion Points from Sections 10 - 12 of the Natural Resources Inventory

It should be noted that we are working on the Master Plan and not re-writing the Natural Resources Inventory. While thoughts as how that can be improved are important, we should be working in more general terms.

- a) Fragmentation is an issue caused by human development and activities.
- b) It was noted that the buffers from wetland in Wolfeboro vary depending on the type of wetland involved.
- c) We may want to get input from the public about what factors should be used to develop the co-concurrence model.
- d) We need to look to the better protection of “high value” habitats.

- e) With regard to protecting water resources, the relationship to steep slopes and logging headers should be looked into.
- f) Agricultural lands are important with relationship to unfragmented lands.
- g) There was a discussion of cluster housing with regard to how it provides open space.
- h) Education about water resources and such things as vernal ponds was discussed. Education was also suggested for invasive species, firewood, etc.
- i) Having a person or group of people to oversee the progress of any master plan recommendations was discussed. This is so things don't fall through the cracks.
- j) Legislation about keeping up on invasive species was discussed with the thought that the state is following though on this and provides information about it.
- k) Comments were made about how invasive species may occupy habitat of desirable species whether it be fish, plants or animals.
- l) There is a need to better delineate the recreational resources to reflect either there public or private status. Camps are different from such things as the rail trail and Cate Park.
- m) There was a discussion about how trails need to be maintained with a management plan and funding to follow through on those plans so trail maps should only have trails with those attributes.
- n) Trail maps need to be updated.

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