



Standish Conservation & Open Space Plan Committee

March 27, 2008

7 PM, Standish Town Hall, Council Chambers

Homework to Prepare for the Meeting:

- Review the color 'Beginning with Habitat' handout material distributed at the February meeting
- Think about 'Priority Action Items' the Committee might want to get public input on early to stimulate discussion -- ideas discussed in February included: Town Forests, Landowner and Public Education, a Farmers Market, Community Gardens, and Protecting Farmland/Farm Soils.
- Review the Comprehensive Plan materials for the Subcommittee you are in (see list)

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions, Council Chair Lou Stack, 5 minutes

Review of Agenda

2. Water & Natural Resources: Beginning with Habitat, 1 hour total

- Sally Stockwell from Maine Audubon will present the Standish 'Beginning with Habitat' maps and information, focusing on the planning approach to using the information, and possible strategies to preserve/protect/enhance specific resources in Standish. (30 minutes)
- Whole group review of maps to ensure full group is familiar with the information (30 minutes)

3. Draft Mission Statement, 5 minutes -- Attached

- Revised draft Mission Statement -- Action -- ask that it be adopted as a "Working Draft" to put out there as part of materials for public comment.

4. Committee Organization, 5 minutes

Continued discussion of Committee Chair, Discussion led by Lou Stack

5. Subcommittee Work, 1 hour

- Review the Comprehensive Plan materials in your topic area (see attached list)
- Discuss how your group wants to organize its work (extra meetings, what type of help you want to request, etc) – work on materials from Jan. mapping exercise

6. Adjourn, around 9:30 PM

For your calendar: April Meeting, April 24th, 2008
(Our regular meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month)



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The Town Council order that established the committee states: *“the mission of the Committee will be to work with resource assistance from GrowSmart Maine to implement the Comprehensive Plan Open Space strategies.”* So in essence, the topics and breadth of your mission can be best described by language in the Comprehensive Plan.

DRAFT Mission Statement (Revised per Feb 28 meeting) [new language is underlined]

The Committee will develop a Conservation and Open Space Plan with recommendations and priorities for preservation and enhancement of resources which strike the proper balance between landowner rights and the public good.

This Plan will include:

- Consideration of Natural Resources and Wildlife Habitat; Historic & Cultural Resources; Open Space, Scenic, Trail & Recreation Opportunities; Soil and Water Resources; Lake & River Public Access; Farming and Forestry; Growth Management
- Inventory, Analysis, Maps and Prioritization of identified resources
- Education and public outreach to solicit input to identify resources and input into the Plan’s priorities and recommendations
- Exploration of funding, protection, and management mechanisms which may be through landowner incentives, ordinances and regulations, and/or acquisition from willing sellers.



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Subcommittee Assignments

At your February meeting, you decided to organize yourselves into three subcommittees to work at a more detailed level in specific areas (the same general way the Comprehensive Plan is organized). We will spend an hour working in these group at your March 27th meeting.

These three topic areas, and the members who signed up so far, are:

Historic, Archeological and Cultural Resources

Lou Stack

Burns Cameron (assumed, not at meeting – *feel free to change*)

Water and Natural Resources

Cyndi Borelli

Gene Stuart

Richard Rudolph

David Thomas

Jeff Cutler

Paul Hunt (assumed, not at meeting – *feel free to change*)

Scenic & Recreation

Gus Favreau

Bob Walker

Glenn Barker

Brett Levin (assumed, not at meeting – *feel free to change*)

Not assigned yet (For 3/27/08, please decide which group you'd like to work with.)

Betty MacWilliams

Richard Brown

Neal Dow

Mark Floor

Alan Hawkes