

Norwell Pathways Committee Meeting Notes
14 Oct 08 - DRAFT OF 19 OCT 08

Present: K. Cafferty, B. Jackson, D. Osborne, S. Raeside, A. Staples, S. Turner, R. Twigg, D. Vose, and S.Ivas

1. Motion by SI to **accept minutes of 23 Sep 08** as written, seconded by DO, voted unanimously at 7:04 PM.
2. **Pathway Signage Update.**
 - a. RT provided examples of images found on web.
 - b. SR spoke with a graphic designer who noted that she would strongly recommend not changing or modifying the Norwell Town Seal for the purposes of a different graphic for pathways.
 - c. DO made the point that we do not have a pathway to sign yet, so that there is not much pressure to come up with a standardized signage system. He added that he requested that it not be made of wood.
 - d. ST noted that the Maxwell Trust property, in Scituate, has a color-coordinated trail system with a simple graphic.
 - e. There was general consensus that the logo/signage issue would be placed on hold for the present, with all members directed to consider and evaluate examples that they may observe in other locations.
3. **Wildcat Lane Proposed Development.**
 - a. Town Planner TT gave an update regarding this proposed OSRD development on the between Centennial Way, Wildcat Lane, and Route 3 Northbound. The Committee reviewed the OSRD plan of 23 Sep 08 by McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc.
 - b. The Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) is proposed for half-acre lots with 50 percent of the upland on the site in a permanently protected condition, with trails.
 - c. Trail connections among the various cul-de-sacs, to and along Wildcat lane, and to Centennial Way are envisioned. A trail to the rear of the easternmost lots to connect to the nearby (across the Lane) Donovan parcel was also envisioned.
 - d. Comments on the 23 Sep 08 MEG Plan from the Committee include the following:
 - (1) A trail connection "behind" lots 1 through 7, at the easterly boundary of the site down to the proposed stormwater drainage basin. This trail requires bituminous asphalt from the northerly edge of the property to the northerly edge of proposed Lot 5, near the stormwater drainage basin due to the trail alignment perpendicular to the steep contours in the area.
 - (2) Provide "T"s at the end of the cul-de-sacs instead of the proposed "Y"s, and follow contours, creating a curved trail as drawn on a copy of the 23 Sep 08 MEG plan.
 - (3) Utilize the water easement to Centennial Way for a trail, and tie the trail into the "Blue Trail" as shown on the 23 Sep08 MEG Plan.
 - (4) Show the contour lines a couple of hundred feet beyond the boundaries of the proposed OSRD for watershed purposes, and so that the Pathways Committee can evaluate a trail(s) tie-in to property to the easterly.
 - (5) A bituminous asphalt pathway across the "Front" of the proposed OSRD and adjacent Town Property along Wildcat Lane, to provide a safe passage along Wildcat Lane and to connect the two entrances of the proposed project in order to create a continuous loop.

These suggestions to the Planning Board were moved by RT, seconded by AS and voted unanimously by the Committee at 802 PM.

The Committee then voted to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition issues, and not entering into regular session to the end of the meeting. A poll was taken of each member, and all votes were in the affirmative.

Next Meeting Tuesday, 29 Oct 08, 7 PM, Rm 112, Town Hall. SI reported he would not be available.