

Members present: Linda Grubb, Don Foster, Brian Reynolds, Joan Morton, Associate member Sarah Kulakovich

Members absent: Patrick Marshall by prior notice, Dan Hopkins

Linda reported the Selectmen are reviewing our charge and have asked Tracie to call other towns to find out about their open space committee charges.

Mike described display for upcoming fall arts festival. Sign-up cards will be available for anyone interested in our activities.

Minutes from September 11 were read. Don moved to accept; Brian seconded. Vote unanimous.

Meeting with other boards was discussed, possibly a joint meeting with Economic Development Committee, Water Board and Planning Board, especially to review some of the issues with rezoning on Bedford Street.

Committee discussed the remaining of the TRWA grant funds for printing the Open Space Plan. It was decided to print five more plans and either return the remaining money or ask for a different use.

Committee looked at South Coast Rail project chart of regionally significant priority areas. No priority development areas in Lakeville have been so indicated. Committee questioned omission of the State hospital property. Charts showing scoring are large and very difficult to review. Comments are due by October 10.

Linda reminded that comments on FEIS for the Rail Project are due October 26. Open houses on FEIS are to be held at UMass Dartmouth on October 18 and at Taunton High School October 17. We have CD of whole document and it can be viewed on line. It was noted that the document is very long and complex. Linda will send a memo to Selectmen suggesting they request an extension of comment period. It was also noted that access to a cemetery in Lakeville will be eliminated. New access would have to cross a wetland. Cemetery Commission and Historical Commission need to comment on this.

Sarah is working on a guide booklet for our open spaces to include background, facilities and features, and maps. A preliminary booklet will be available for the fair. Sarah would like comments and advice from the committee.

Discussion of geocaching as a means to get more people to explore our open spaces brought up concerns of there being large numbers of people who might be destructive in their enthusiastic searching. Ways to prevent this were discussed.

Brian moved to adjourn; Don seconded. Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.