

Town of Dover Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes, 3/6/08

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 AM at the Town Garage Conference Room.

Present were Chair Charlie Helliwell and Members Rich Forte, Sharon Grant, and Mark Sarro.

1. The minutes of the 12/6/07 meeting were approved as amended, and the 1/29/08 meeting minutes were approved.

2. Open Space –

- The chair will send a memo summarizing the LRP committee's findings and position on forest management policies -- as well the memo concerning the Wylde Woods forest management contract -- to the relevant Town committees and boards, including the Selectmen.
- A copy of the newly revised Open Space bylaw, to be presented to Town Meeting in May, was circulated. The bylaw is voluntary, requires 1-acre minimum lot sizes, and restricts the number of lots to the same number as under conventional zoning. The committee discussed the potential for housing growth in town. There exists more than 3000 acres without a permanent conservation restriction (including the 600+ acres of Hale Reservation), mostly located on Dover's designated Scenic Roads. A Public Hearing on the amendment will be held 4/2 at 7:30 pm in the Town House lower conference room. It was noted that Town Meeting will start early, at 7 pm.

3. DCC

The chair reported that the Alternative Sites subcommittee has drafted their report, which focuses on 1. maintaining and remodeling Caryl School building as a location for various community activities, and 2. incorporating educational outreach programs into the expansion of the Town Library building. It was suggested that the Town might keep a database of spaces within and outside of Dover available for use or rent as a kind of "virtual" community center resource.

4. Housing

It was noted that requirements for senior housing have changed, as seniors are now tending to move out of town.

The next meeting will be 4/3/08 at 7:30 AM at the Town Garage.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Grant