

OS&RPC Meeting Minutes #5 on 6.25.2020

A meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee (OS&RPC) for 2020 was held on 25 June 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by David Freedman, Chair. Present were Committee Members Debby Geltner, Steve Hinton, Marc Lamere, Rhonda Michaud, Amy Smack, Sally Zielinski, and Mary Zoll. Also present were Sylvia Willard, Conservation Administrator, Town of Carlisle, Alan Ankers, Judy Asarkof, Tom Brownrigg, Betsy Fell, Kelly Guarino, Louise Hara, Ken Harte, Bonnie Miskolczy, Steve Tobin, and Angie Verge.

David explained the purpose of the meeting, to rate, on a scale of 0 to 4, the first 24 of 50 currently unprotected parcels of 10 acres and up on 11 Land Protection Values previously adopted by the OS&RPC. These ratings will then be tabulated to create prioritized Parcel Rankings for inclusion in the updated OS&RP. The rankings are a useful resource for the town to consider possible protections via purchase, Conservation Restriction (CR), or trails easements when parcels come on the market or are removed from Chapter 61 protection.

David reviewed the materials provided to participants in advance of the meeting. These included the following.

- Appendix A with definitions of the Land Protection Values (David explained that Size and Core Habitat had already been given values, the latter based on referencing BioMap 2 and the 2011 CAPS (Conservation Assessment and Prioritization System) IEI (Index of Ecological Integrity) maps
- A ranking sheet on which David will mark ratings of 0-4 for each parcel as agreed upon by the participants (David noted that in the previous OS&RPs, some of the values were weighted double, but that the committee had decided that each would be valued equally this year)
- A map showing the parcels to be ranked with roads, trails, wetlands, CRs, and water bodies

David also showed aerial maps—adapted from the MassGIS Oliver system—that he had prepared with the parcels to be ranked, with neighboring roads, CRs, and public lands indicated.

David explained the procedure that would be followed, with participants familiar with each parcel stating their overall views of the parcel and then suggesting a score of 0-4 for each of the values in succession. David would then ask for further input, a consensus would be reached, and we would move on to the next.

The 24 parcels were reviewed and each was rated on the 11 values, with the exception of the Brem parcel as it now has multiple homes under development and is no longer worthy of consideration. It was noted that the Woodward/Doutriaux and Larsen/McRae parcels were likely to be developed, but as they are currently undeveloped and unprotected, they were rated along with the others.

Once the ratings were completed and reviewed, David thanked the remaining participants for their diligence and patience and reminded everyone of the remaining session scheduled for Monday, June 29th, again via Zoom. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Freedman