

## LAND STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2009

**ATTENDEES:** Peter Kittell, David Rood, Jennifer Wright, Mark Racine, Bob Irish, Hugh Gates and Polly Gadbois

Peter suggested the land be used for a walking path and picnic area. Jennifer asked about the walking path at the school which was an Eagle Scout project and is owned by the school.

Mark stated he feels we should first be repairing the existing sidewalks.

Polly suggested the town contact NWRP re the study they did for Grand Isle, a copy of which is at the Town Clerk's Office, which identifies population and age groups, employment history, various land uses within the town, water resources, wastewater facilities, and other valuable town resources. This study was all inclusive and would give the Town of Franklin some valuable information.

Discussion was had regarding the land between the Congregational Church and Parsonage and it is believed that 2/3 belongs to the town and 1/3 belongs to the churches. It is also believed that the land behind the churches and Town Hall belongs to the churches.

Discussion was had regarding the town's deeded access behind the Racine property. Bob will get maps and speak with the wetlands folks re the brook. Further discussion was had regarding the deeded right of way from Vermont Route 120 over the Vaillancourt property.

Discussion was had regarding the use of the Town Hall, ie Memorial Day programs, voting, etc.

Bob asked if the town property abuts the Town Hall. Bob will check into this and will identify access. Bob asked about a path access.

Following is a list of other suggested uses:

- Gym with pool
- Wastewater treatment facility in the southeast corner of the property
- Pavilion for outside events
- Par 3 executive golf course
- Nothing - leave bare
- Low income housing
- Basketball courts/skating
- Sledding hill
- Rec center - multi-use building
- Swimming pool - to be maintained by the town.
- Rope tow for skiing and sledding

Peter was asked about property maintenance and advised that Steve Danyow bales the hay each year.

Bob will follow up with either NWRP or the Wetlands Division of the ANR for maps of the property.

Polly will invite Connie Burns to attend one of our meetings and talk about her experiences with this sort of project.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 a 7:00 p.m. at the FELCO Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Gadbois,  
Acting Secretary

**NOTE: Next meeting has been re-scheduled to June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the FELCO Room.**