

OSRP Update 4th Meeting

November 09, 2017 7:30PM

Leverett Town Hall

Attendance:

Isaiah Robison (LCC)
Mary Alice Wilson (LTC)
Susan Lynton (LHC)
Susan Mareneck (LHC)
Eva Gibavic (RGT)
Pat Smith (FRCOG)
Miho Connolly (LCC)

Third Draft: Section 3: Community Setting

- Pg. 3-3, APR: Pat spoke to APR program coordinator with state. There are no APRs in Leverett as of now.
 - Looks like we do have “prime agricultural soil” in Leverett - see soil maps
- Pg. 3-3: *Changes to the Land: Four Scenarios for the Future of the Massachusetts Landscape* is the current reference. (Newest publication from Harvard Forest is *Wildlands and Woodlands*, which is a different publication)
- Pg 3-4: Took out info on Franklin County Farm and Food System
- Pg 3-6, 7: Native American info-- shortened and made edits to remove mention of specific areas.
- Pg 3-7: “The first census in 1790 listed 524 persons” - move to 3-9
- Pg 3-7: revise to “*surface* stone quarries”
- Pg 3-8: Remove “and telephone service” (we already had that 2015)
- Pg 3-9, C1: Early demographics data-- **LHC will look into**
 - Edie Field or Town Meeting Minutes may have info on early population numbers 1774 ~ 1950
 - We could produce a chart if we get enough information
- Pg 3-10: Fig 3-1 Title typo; should be 1910 - 2010
- Pg 3-12, 13: **Look through style changes** (removal of ‘shoulds’)
- Pg 3-13: Poverty figures in Leverett. Include that 33% of the poor are children. I.e., families with young children are under the poverty threshold.
- Pg 3-17: Change “Class of Worker” to “Type of Worker.” Define each type. (i.e., government workers include school teachers and UMass university professors)
- Pg 3-18: New table added: Leverett Residents Employed at UMass Amherst. Pat will try to get information on UMass Amherst retirees.
 - Education became the industry in Leverett once the mills, etc disappeared.
- Pg 3-21: Table 3-8 Reordered - largest use to smallest use
 - Add a note that the “Forest” category may include residential properties
 - Assessors identify properties as residential or other. Could we use this information to qualify the 85% forest? But, many “residential” lots include large tracts of forest, including Ch61; may be difficult to categorize.
- Pg 3-22: New figure added: 3-8: Leverett Building Permits 1993-2016
- Pg 3-22: Change to “Pre-2008, a building lot selling for \$100,000.00 or more was not uncommon. Currently, the average building lot ... ” **Confirm value with Ken Kahn-- MAW**

- Pg 3-23: **We need to pare down transit section (Miho)**. Stephen Kulik pushed for the new law that allows a town to be a member of two transit groups. Leverett is not yet a member of FRTA, though it is now available.
- Pg 3-25: Leverett bike paths: "Routes *that travel on the road* within Leverett include." These bike paths were listed in the Franklin Cty Bikeway project without notice to Leverett Selectboard, and are dangerous.

The charts and figures in the Word document are links to the raw data in Excel. This makes for clunky processing (formatting, resizing, large file size, etc) but 1) provides raw data in the digital version and 2) looks cleaner than JPEG image files. Do we want these charts as links to Excel, or as simple image files?

3rd Draft: Open Space Map

- Eva and Mary Alice have gone through the draft map extensively, and have made comments to be sent to Pat.
- Eva has put together a draft historical sites of Leverett map: **Eva send to Pat**
 - Include in "Unique resources" map and/or Appendix

Administrative:

This is the last meeting of 2017. Pat will finish Section 3 by the end of the year.

***** Please submit comments on Section 3 by Dec 1 ******

Going forward:

- Submit materials to Miho/Pat 2wks before meeting (Miho will send reminder emails)
- Miho/Pat will submit materials to group 1 wk before meeting

Budgeting for 2018:

- Pat has created a budget for OSRP completion
- We will apply for CPA funding as well as DLTA funding
 - Projects begun with DLTA funding have priority for more DLTA funding (\$6,000~7,000 for one calendar year)
 - FRCOG available to give a presentation to CPA
 - OSRPs are commonly funded by CPA funds
 - **Miho will talk to CPA**

Ongoing List of Potential Questions for the Public

As generated by discussion; list ongoing

- Should Leverett provide incentives that would provide farmland and housing for small-scale farmers?
- Should Leverett have sidewalks?
- Should Leverett have better public transport? How can we achieve this?
 - Would you use public transportation if it were available?
- Should we ask about religion on our survey?
- Accessible trails?
- Alternative trails (e.g. fitness trail)?