



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts 01093

Community Preservation Committee
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

by Zoom ¹

Present: Alan Sanderson, Doug Coldwell, Andrew Ostrowski, Donna Wiley, Catherine Wolkowicz

Absent: Jonathan Edwards, Judy Markland

Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

The Committee approved minutes from the meeting of October 13, 2021 unanimously.

Alan reported that the Town approved a grant of \$6,500 for the ice rinks, to be drawn from the unallocated CPA fund balance, at a Special Town Meeting on November 6.

The Committee agreed to revise the CPC Plan to include revised the following historic preservation priorities, as submitted by the Historical Commission:

- Preserve and rehabilitate historically significant buildings, structures and landscapes in Whately.
- Preserve, rehabilitate and document gravestones and landscapes in the town cemeteries.
- Preserve the town's historic records and artifacts and provide storage to ensure their preservation.
- Preserve the Whately Historical Society's collection of Whately artifacts, photographs, and documents.
- Update the existing inventory of historic structures, buildings, and houses, including tobacco barns, mill sites, and stone walls

It also agreed to incorporate updated Open Space data and an updated map, as submitted by Judy Markland (see attachments). Donna Wiley noted that the Plan should also be revised to reflect the

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addition of three new scenic roads as voted at the Annual Town Meeting in June 2021, with the following amendment to page 3 of the Plan:

Whately has designated Chestnut Plain Road, North Street, Haydenville Road, Poplar Hill Road, Strippe Road, and Webber Road as scenic roads, in recognition of their historic character and importance to the town's history.

Regarding potential applications for funding, Alan reported that the Snowmobile Club will postpone an application for bridge repair in West Whately, but may request support for trail grooming. Doug Coldwell reported that Bill Obear has requested a conservation restriction for some of his land, not an APR, as previously reported. The Agricultural Commission is not aware of any other APRs in progress. Alan also noted that the Town voted to allocate matching funds for the State's grant to rehabilitate and make accessible Herlihy Field; the Recreation Commission is planning to submit an application for CPA funds to cover the required matching funds. Donna reported that the Cemetery Commission may request funding to replace the 20th-century chain-link fencing around the East Cemetery with more historically appropriate fencing.

Applications will be due to Town Offices on Tuesday, December 7. The next meeting of the CPC is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 5:15 p.m.

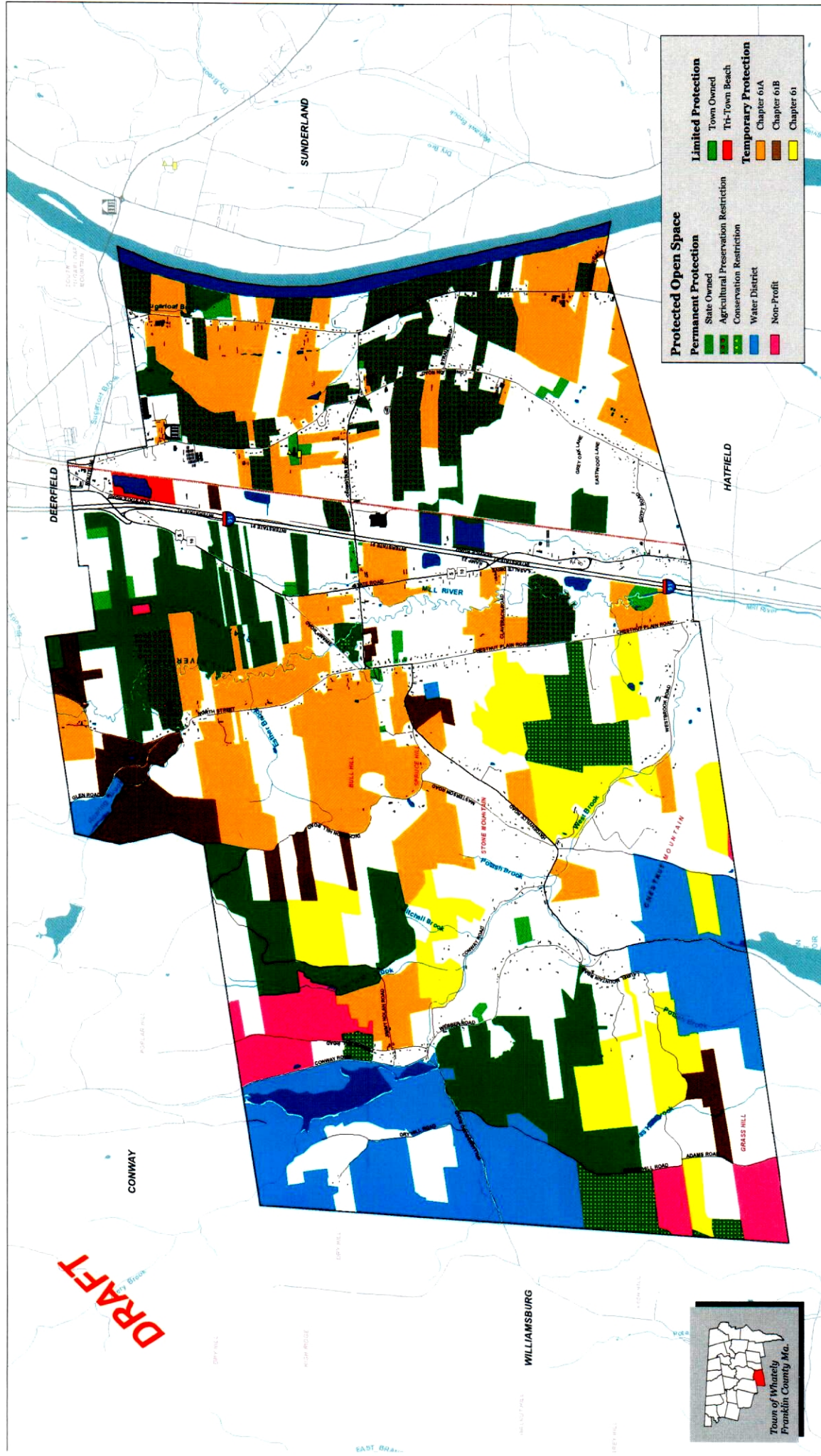
The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

The table below shows the portion of permanently and temporarily protected land in Whately in 2011 and currently. There has been a significant shift from land under temporary protection to that permanently preserved.

Protected Land in Whately				
	2011		2021	
	acres	% of town acreage	acres	% of town acreage
Permanently protected				
Agricultural Preservation Restriction	662	5.0%	710	5.4%
Conservation Restriction	119	0.9%	816	6.2%
Dept of Conservation & Regreation,				
Dept of Fish & Game	959	7.2%	1,603	12.1%
Cemeteries	5	0.0%	7	0.1%
Total permanently protected	1745	13.2%	3136	23.7%
Partially-protected				
Other town-owned	119	0.9%	119	0.9%
Public Drinking Water Supply	998	7.5%	1,261	9.5%
Chapter 61, 61A, or 61B	4473	33.8%	3,011	22.7%
Total partially-protected	5590	42.2%	4391	33.1%
Total permanently and partially protected	7335	55.4%	7527	56.8%
Sources:				
2014: Mass DQA, MAGIS, Franklin Land Trust, Whately Assessor				
2021: 2021 Open Space and Recreation Plan				

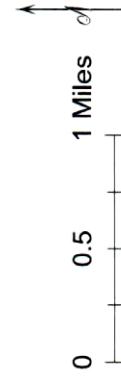
Currently almost 24% of the acreage in Whately is permanently preserved and another third temporarily protected.

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Town of Whately Open Space & Recreation Plan 2021

Open Space



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