

Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
October 22, 2024
5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Pam Brown, Michael Dobler, Al Woodhall, Karin Parks, Bob DePalma, Janell Howard

Others Present: Emily Bos, Liz Kidder

Pam called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Emily Bos, Franklin Land Trust representative to discuss Conservation Restrictions:

Emily Bos explained how the trusts and land work in Leyden. Emily presented a map of Leyden Open Space (see addendum).

- The different ways property owners can conserve their land.
- The pros and cons of putting some kind of conservation on land.
- Discussion on which lands have public access.
- Emily will have another map made with the public access marked.
- Historical preservation is also another way lands are conserved.
- There is money earmarked for towns to use to purchase land within the town for conservation and recreation.
- There are grants for trails.
- Discussion on Community Preservation Act (CPA).
- Discussion on Municipal Vulnerability Plans.
- Emily is willing to come to any future meeting that we need more information about.

Approval of minutes:

Motion: Michael moved, and Al seconded to approve the 9-17-2024 minutes, unanimously approved.

Plan Next 6 Meeting dates– agenda items:

- Discussion on meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm.
- Discussion on the committee meetings being 1 ½ hours.
- Discussion on timing the plan to be able to finish it in 15 months and to
- Discussion on the snowmobile trails, Jeff Miller would be a great resource for more information.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at 5:00pm to 6:30 pm.
- Go over the 7-year plan and then create a work schedule for the committee.

ACTION: Janell will email out the 7-year plan separately from the full Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Motion: Karin moved, and Bob seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm.

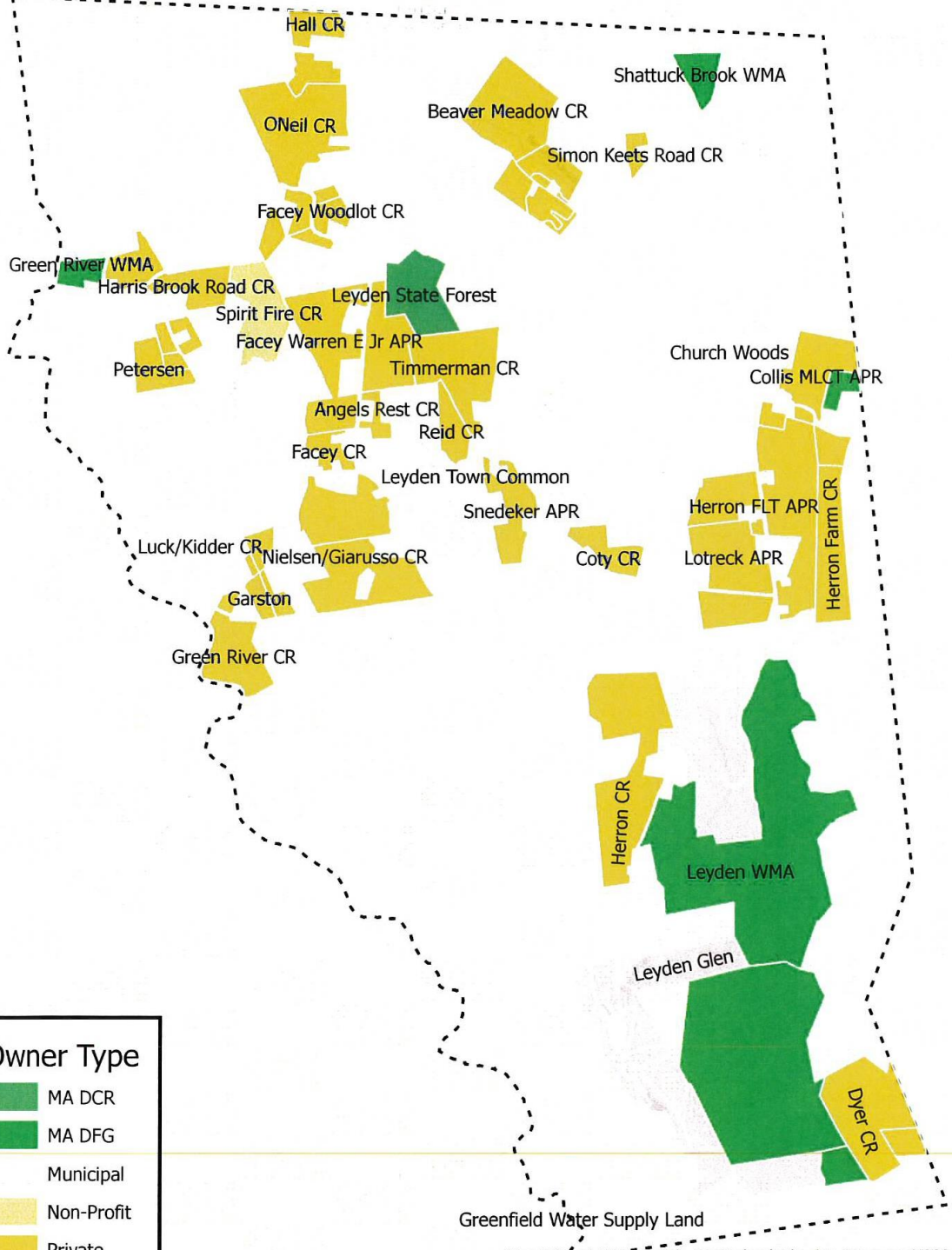
Respectfully submitted,

Janell Howard



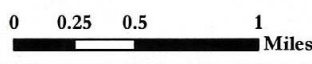
Leyden Open Space

~3,100 acres, 27.2% of total town area



Owner Type

- MA DCR
- MA DFG
- Municipal
- Non-Profit
- Private



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