

## OSRP Update 3rd Meeting

September 27, 2017 7:30PM

Leverett Town Hall

### Attendance:

Laurie Brown  
Miho Connolly  
Eva Gibavic  
Richard Nathhorst  
David Powicki  
Susan Mareneck  
Pat Smith  
Mary Alice Wilson

### Second Draft: Section 3: Community Setting

Pat incorporated edits and additional information from committee.

- If possible/relevant, update information to reflect most recent Harvard Forest Changes to the Land report
- Is it true that APRs can't be issued in Leverett?
  - For now, just change language to "not likely to approve"
  - *We can come back to this after doing research for a later section*
- Leverett may wish to provide incentives that would provide farmland and housing for small-scale farmers.
  - *Ask the public?*
- Sidewalks - *ask the public?*
- Wording is being changed to reflect the efforts already made by residents and to convey a more positive tone (fewer "shoulds," "musts," and "needs")

Updated history section

- Mitch will provide a blurb about Leverett pre-European contact
- Stone quarries, not granite
- Since we are not sure if secondary students have always attended high school in Amherst, the line is removed.
- We may have more local businesses we can list; should we list these in an appendix?
  - Probably not, so as not to meddle with privacy issues.

Population:

- Try to find more information on early population sizes in Leverett (**LHC, MAW**)
- Terminology: Replace "broadband" with "high-speed internet"
  - When first mentioned: describe as "Fiber optic high-speed internet" to homes
  - Include usage stats for broadband.. (~90% penetration)
    - Re: social justice
    - Verizon is "provider of last resort" in Leverett. Residents who do not subscribe to LeverettNet generally have lower income
- Two new charts about income and education in Town
- Employment statistics:
  - Is there a state list of businesses by town? (Eva)
  - We may be able to find more information about UMass employment in Town
    - Pat talked to HR representative who said he would help
    - Data should include retirees

- Other campuses should be approached for this information as well.
- Do we want more information on commuting from Leverett?
- REMOVE table 3-6 - confusing, unnecessary, can figure out wages.
- Table 3-8 sort by acres
  - Do we need definitions for land use categories?
    - Add:
      - Mining (e.g. gravel pits)
      - "Forest may include forested residential lots"
  - Create a land-use map
- Table 3-9
  - Make into a graphic
  - Do we have some information pre-1993? Maybe in Leverett files.
  - Should this section include information on the change of subdivision bylaw?
- Transit - We don't have any; perhaps we should
  - Talk to **Roy Kimmel**

### **2nd Draft: Open Space Map**

FRCOG has produced a draft map for us to review

- Online: <http://leverett.ma.us/g/89/OSRP-Update-Committee>
- Eva has hard copy; will be returned to Conservation Commission office

Eva has information/shape files on cemeteries to add

### **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?
- Survey: religion?

### **General Discussion**

Potential Appendices:

- Historical sites (1990 OSRP)
  - Eva is working on this map in GIS
- Foster map of mills
  - MAW has ESRI file; also on MACRIS

We will submit a blurb to the October Town Newsletter about this project. Miho will post files to the Town website about our progress. <http://leverett.ma.us/g/89/OSRP-Update-Committee>

We only have funding for help from the FRCOG until 12/31/17.

- Apply for DLTA grant again
- Apply for CPA grant - **due December 1**

### **NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 11 @ 7:30pm**

- Polish up Section 3 and Open Space map
- Start on other maps in Section 5