

# **Open Space Commission Meeting Notes**

September 3, 2025

Map Inventory Detail Work

## **Meeting Summary**

The meeting focused on the progress and future steps for the Open Space Map Inventory project. Key points included the installation of fiber optic cables in Casco, with initial connections in Sebago and Naples, and the involvement of various town buildings. Zak Brohinsky, a GIS expert, presented an inventory of open space properties, detailing ownership, management, and public access. Specific properties discussed included Libby Park, Manning ball field, and a 44-acre parcel on Lake Road. The group aimed to refine the inventory, address gaps, and ensure accurate mapping and public access details for future planning.

## **Action Items**

- Review the Libby Road property and determine the appropriate name and details to include in the inventory.
- Identify the location and ownership details for the "Manning Field" property referenced in the town website.
- Consult the town tax maps to clarify the location and boundaries of the properties discussed.

## **Outline**

### **Fiber Optic Expansion in Casco**

- Speaker 1 discusses the expansion of fiber optic technology around Sebago Lake, mentioning Eric Dibble and a powerhouse.
- Speaker 2 confirms that all town buildings in Casco will be connected to fiber optic cable within a year.

- Speaker 1 explains that the fiber optic expansion will be done in stages, starting from a specific point.
- Unknown Speaker and Speaker 2 discuss the urgency of getting online faster.

### **Historical Artifacts and Community Involvement**

- Speaker 3 and Unknown Speaker discuss historical artifacts, including sharpening stones and a piece of history.
- Speaker 3 suggests talking to Greg Plummer about the historical society.
- Speaker 3 mentions two awards: one for Casco Spirit Award and one for a parade.
- Speaker 4 and Speaker 5 discuss the involvement of Sam in bringing food.

### **Introductions and Meeting Objectives**

- Speaker 1 apologizes for starting late and introduces the meeting's goal to wrap up by eight.
- Speaker 1 mentions guests Pam Edwards and Grant Plummer and asks everyone to introduce themselves.
- Speaker 2 introduces himself as Jim Arson from Casco.
- Speaker 3, Speaker 6, Speaker 7, and others introduce themselves, mentioning their locations and involvement in the open space committee.

### **Overview of Zak Brohinsky's Role and Responsibilities**

- Speaker 5, Zak Brohinsky, introduces himself and his background in land protection and GIS.
- Zak explains his role in resilience planning and design, focusing on open space and recreation.
- Zak mentions his experience with GIS and his goal to create a detailed inventory of open space properties.
- Zak discusses the sources he used to compile the inventory, including town websites, internet searches, and other documents.

## **Review of Property Inventory and Initial Questions**

- Zak presents the property inventory, explaining the fields included in the inventory.
- Zak highlights specific properties and asks for clarifications and corrections.
- Speaker 1 and others discuss the accuracy of the inventory, mentioning properties like Libby Park and Manning ball field.
- Zak asks for input on whether the inventory fields are comprehensive and if any additional fields are needed.

## **Discussion on Specific Properties and Their Details**

- Zak discusses Libby Park, mentioning its location and public access.
- Speaker 7 and others provide details about Libby Park, including its size and location relative to other properties.
- Zak asks about the public access hours and any prohibitions on Libby Park.
- Speaker 7 and others discuss the history and ownership of Libby Park, confirming its status as public open space.

## **Clarification on Manning Ball Field**

- Zak discusses Manning ball field, mentioning its location on Raymond Cape Road.
- Speaker 7 and others provide details about the ball field, including its size and location relative to other properties.
- Zak asks about the public access hours and any prohibitions on Manning ball field.
- Speaker 7 and others discuss the history and ownership of Manning ball field, confirming its status as a public recreational area.

## **Review of Additional Properties and Their Details**

- Zak discusses additional properties, including a small field for T-ball and 8 and under softball.

- Speaker 7 and others provide details about the location and size of the small field.
- Zak asks about the public access hours and any prohibitions on the small field.
- Speaker 7 and others discuss the history and ownership of the small field, confirming its status as a public recreational area.

### **Final Adjustments and Next Steps**

- Zak reviews the inventory, making final adjustments based on the input from the participants.
- Speaker 1 and others discuss the next steps, including refining the property details and addressing any remaining questions.
- Zak emphasizes the importance of having a comprehensive and accurate inventory for future planning.
- The meeting concludes with a plan to continue the review and refinement of the property inventory in future sessions.