

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – February 26, 2019 Minutes

Time: 7:04 – 8:45 PM Location: Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Tania Lillak, Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Richard Smith; Marzie Galazka, new Director of Community and Economic Development; Sarah Koch, recorder

Members Absent: Jim Olivietti, Patrick Jones, Selectman Liaison, Sara Hepburn, Angela Ippolito, Planning Board Chair; Danielle Strauss, Recreation Director.

The minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were approved.

Review of previous meeting's action items

- To be addressed in next meeting:
 - Action Item: Jim will present information on salt-tolerant native beach plantings
 - Action Item: Sara will review Amherst Keystone Project and report back to Committee.
 - Action Item: Angela will provide some visuals from historical archives of gardens that once existed at the Elihu Thompson building in support of the plan for a pollinator garden at town hall.

AGENDA ITEMS

Review Airtable: Items 36 through 40

- Action Item: Toni to share Beach Management Plan
- Action Item: Follow up with Marzie and Gino on Green Corridor Plan

Marzie Galazka, new Director of Community and Economic Development, joined meeting. Open Space Plan was briefly discussed and our efforts to update it via Airtable. Marzie will check with the state on when the plan, created in 2013, expires.

Swampscott Conservancy Update:

Toni reported that she has celebrated the 1 year anniversary of the Conservancy. They were awarded a \$600 grant from MA cultural council.

Conservancy is working with Gino and SPOT to connect the dog park land with Salem conservation land. On March 22nd a site visit is planned.

Still working with Town and Aggregate to lease land at Foster Pond.

Pollinator Garden at Town Hall and associated brick wall maintenance in the works. Long term goal of native plantings at all town islands.

Stop and Shop wetland- Sean Fitzgerald and Conservancy to tour land on March 22nd

Community Garden update:

Sarah recapped for Marzie. New officers, construction timeline, April start, Volunteers HS students to help with seedlings and construction.

40R Update and Rail Station:

Angela communicated to Tania by email prior to the meeting “Regarding the Planning Board's proposed 40R bylaw, we decided to slow down this process based on public feedback as well as internal discussion. Moving forward we will review district boundaries, narrow the areas of focus and think in terms of place-making. To this end, we do not plan to present this at town meeting in May. Will keep you posted as this process evolves.”

Committee/Department update – Conservation

None, no meeting has taken place. Toni and Marzie to discuss function of the Committee and Town Planner in Conservation.

Committee/Department update – Planning

No update. Harbor and Waterfront plan review postponed to next meeting.

Committee/Department update – Recreation

No update.

Committee/Department update – Rail Trail

The Committee expressed uncertainty as to what the status of the rail trail is at this point in time. Marzie to meet on Thursday to discuss the Trail.

Task Force update – Tree Advisory:

Jim will be arranging for a meeting along with other members of the Tree Advisory Group with Ron Mendes at his suggestion to discuss establishing a fund for residents to donate money for tree planting.

Organic Lawn Management Update:

Gino communicated to Sarah that the pilot program with Pure Solutions will continue this summer. Sarah will monitor.

Other Business:

None.

The next OS&RPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Minutes taken by Sarah Koch