

## **Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – March 12, 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, recorder; Jim Olivetti; Sarah Koch; Sara Hepburn; Marzie Galazka, new Director of Community and Economic Development; Angela Ippolito, Planning Board Chair; Danielle Strauss, Recreation Director

Members Absent: Patrick Jones, Selectman Liaison

**1. Meeting minutes:** The minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting were approved.

### **2. Review of previous meeting's action items**

- To be addressed in next meeting:
  - 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.
  - Action Item: Toni to share Beach Management Plan
  - Action Item: Follow up with Marzie and Gino on Green Corridor Plan

### **3. Review Airtable:** Items 40 through 44

- 40. Beach management: Toni shared Beach Management Plan from 2011
- 41. Stewardship: Swampscott Conservancy is taking on the stewardship role for open space
- 42. Trail maps: Working on mapping of trails. Map of overall town open space?
- 43. Kings Beach: Extension of National Register status to Kings beach Swampscott- need rationale. Could help in seeking grants. (N.B.- Angela confirmed that this was part of the MDC park until the 1990's) DCR wants town to fix seawall before it would consider taking over maintenance of this area. There is a DCR meeting March 19, 6-8 pm on the Lynn and Nahant beaches; Jim O. will go.
  - Action Item: Marzie to follow up with Lori Erlich
- 44. Access points to beaches: possible D.o E. grants to improve access
- Open Space Plan Update: Open space plan is due for an update in 2019- Marzie is checking with the State to verify the date. The update can just copy and paste updates into the existing plan; Tania has new items to add.

### **4. Beach management plan (2011):**

Toni shared Beach Management Plan from 2011. Toni will verify with Gino whether town is implementing the plan. Walkway to Phillips Beach needs repairs. Who is responsible for developing the maintenance schedule?

- Action Item: Toni to follow up with Gino.

#### **10. Harbor Plan:**

The draft plan was discussed- unclear where some of the ideas presented are coming from. There is also no mention of costs or funding sources. Marzie will meet with Sean Fitzgerald to discuss what the next steps will be.

- Action Item: Marzie to follow up with Sean.

#### **13. 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.

#### **14. School Building Committee:**

A slide show from the public forum on Saturday was shared with the OS&RC. The Massachusetts School Building Authority has reviewed the initial options and gave the committee their recommendation for the four best options. The committee is currently interviewing potential consultants for the project team. OCRC should give feedback on proposed siting options. Is the school building committee considering taking more parkland? There has been some discussion of Phillips Park, which is in the FEMA AE flood zone.

#### **Other Business:**

Jim Olivetti is stepping down from this committee. He will remain on the Tree Advisory Committee

The next OS&RC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Minutes taken by Richard Smith