

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – November 13, 2018 Minutes

Time: 7:05 – 8:35 PM Location: Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Tania Lillak, Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Jim Olivetti, Richard Smith Clerk pro tem.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting October 16, 2018 were approved.

Review of previous meeting's action items

- Jim has compiled information on how other towns have dealt with trash disposal at beach recreation areas. Nantasket, Good harbor and Wingersheek Beaches are all carry-in/ carry-out. Effectiveness needs to be determined. Tania will circulate the information.

OSRC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Status of items 26-30 was reviewed and updated.

Action items:

- Tania to contact Danielle re: Windsor park and ADA accessibility
- Tania to contact Ana re: policy on acquiring land
- Tania to contact Bob Powell re: age committee

AGENDA ITEMS

Dog Park follow-up:

It appears that the Dog Park construction is moving ahead, and OSRC assistance is not needed at this time.

Organic Lawn Management Update:

Sarah K. will contact Gino to get a report on how the organic lawn management program went this year.

Swampscott Conservancy:

The Conservancy will raised two items at the Swampscott Idea Exchange on Dec. 1:

1. Foster Pond Access
2. Development of the Town Hall Rose garden as a pollinator garden.

Gino is willing to assist with the development of a connection to the Forest River trail in Salem. It would originate at the parking for the Dog Park, wrap around the dog park and down steps near the head of Capen Road to a trail head. From there, a path would connect to Forest River.

Community Garden update:

In Sarah K's absence, deferred to the Dec. meeting

Committee/Department update – Conservation

Toni reports that ConsCom is busy with filings. There is presently no conservation agent, which impedes the committee's work.

Committee/Department update – DPW

Tania reported that there is no update, but various projects are in process.

Committee/Department update – Historical Commission

Richard reported on a discussion on the Mass Historical listserv about how funding for the maintenance of historic trees might be obtained. HC members from other towns note that as something attached to real property, trees can be considered part of real estate; in towns with CPA programs, the CPA money could be used for tree preservation.

Action items:

- Tania to continue contact with Sean Fitzgerald re: CPA for Swampscott

Harbor Plan

Postponed, in Angela's absence, to December meeting

Recreation

No update- Danielle absent

Rail trail

No update

Task Force update – Tree Advisory:

Jim reported that the Tree Advisory task force has obtained a planting list for the Olmsted District from the Olmsted National Historic Site (National Park Service). Richard Smith will transcribe this into Word. The task force sent a letter to the Town Administrator supporting the use of funds from the State storm restoration grant for tree replacement on Humphrey Street at Fisherman's Beach.

The next OS&RPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 11, 2018.

Minutes respectively submitted by Richard Smith.