

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee (OS&RPC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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

Members Present: Tania Lillak, Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Danielle Strauss, Recreation Director; Jim Olivetti; Sara Hepburn, Richard Smith, Sarah Koch

Members Absent: Angela Ippolito, Planning Board Chair; Patrick Jones, Selectman Liaison

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator, came to address the committee to provide a brief update on the status of the vacant Planning and Community Development positions. He offered to provide assistance where needed in the meantime while they search for ideal candidates.

The minutes of the regular meeting on July 31st, 2018 were approved without corrections.

Action Item Review: Review of objective from Open Space Plan. Danielle provided historical review of carry in and carry out policy at Phillips Beach. The idea was it would help to reduce large amounts of trash and it would be better for the town. Some town residents were not receptive. Discussion about trash and recycling receptacles, their location, and proper use in town. Issue still ongoing, Sara noted in Open Table Plan.

Action Item: Jim will create a review of what some nearby towns are doing for trash/recycling management or carry-in carry-out beaches

Upcoming Beach Clean-up at Phillips Beach in October

Action Item: Tania will ask Ana Lanzilli and Maureen Shultz for webpage uploads

AGENDA ITEMS

Appointment of new clerk:

It was decided that the committee will rotate the clerk position for each upcoming meeting. After meeting minutes are complete the clerk will email to the Committee members. Once minutes are approved Tania will email a copy to Sue Duplin.

Today, September 18th 2018: Sarah

October 16th 2018: Toni

November 2018: Richard

December 2018: Sara

January 2019: Jim

OS&RP objectives review

Items 20 through 25 were reviewed and discussed; Airtable database spreadsheet updated accordingly.

Dog Park Update:

Jen Dorsey of S.P.O.T. reports (via email to Richard and Tania) that land is cleared, fencing material has been approved, and it may be erected soon. No other updates at this time

Action Item: Danielle will communicate with Gino to find out next steps and if there will be a Dog Park Committee formed

Organic Lawn Management Update:

In early August Pure Solutions aerated the practice football field in two different directions to help produce a nice seedbed for overseeding. Aeration will help alleviate compaction and allow oxygen to enter the root zone. In addition, they overseeded with a sports field mix and applied our fall granular fertilizer application at 1 lb N and 1LbK to help the field recover during the stressful practices. Sarah shared some photographs taken today that show the field looking green and healthy with some wear in the midfield due to frequent use at football practices.

Toni reports that a resident approached her at the Farmer's Market Swampscott Conservancy booth about organic lawn care policy. See [Swampscott's Organic Pest Management Policy](#) for more detail.

Action Item: Sarah will reach out to Gino to find out his current satisfaction with Pure Solutions and the organic program

Swampscott Conservancy:

Toni reports the Conservancy had a table at the Farmer's Market. There were 29 new paying members. Girl Scouts are installing a Storywalk each month at Ewing Woods. Sale of native plants will be in the Spring. Next meeting is this Thursday at 7pm at the Senior Center.

Action Item: Toni will share with the group how to become members or donate to the Conservancy

Community Garden update:

Sarah reports a negative determination by the Conservation Committee for the RDA at the Bertram House location. The garden members plan to vote on the garden location at next week's meeting on 9/26. A fundraising campaign will begin next month to raise funds to build the garden. The garden will have a table at the Farmer's Market on 9/30.

Committee/Department update – Conservation

Toni providing invasive species update and search for grants. Fragmities at Palmer Pond may not be removed if money is not provided by a grant.

Jim reports talking with the Director of Salem Sound Coast Watch, Barbara Warren, said fragmities is terrible to control, requires aggressive pesticides, and suggested we look for other ways to contain.

Blythes Wood Easement: owners still plan to expand the path

Action Item: Toni will provide a report from Landscaping company that came to do town invasive species assessment

Committee/Department update – DPW

Gino has completed the trail resurfacing from Phillips Park to Eisman's beach. Jim shared the update and pictures on Facebook and it was well received by town residents.

Committee/Department update – Historical

Richard reports that the auction at White Court raised \$25,000 for Reach Arts.

Committee/Department update – Rail Trail

Sara reports that Scantec completed the schematic design. Scantec will schedule three neighborhood meetings to review designs.

Committee/Department update – Tree Advisory

Sara reports that a tree management plan is the goal. Alan Fenner did tree inventory and they're working to create plan to stay within budget.

The next OS&RPC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 16th, 2018.