

## Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – July 9, 2019 Minutes

Time: 7:09 – 8:46 PM Location: Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Tania Lillak, Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Sarah Koch, recorder; Richard Smith, Sara Hepburn, Sierra Munoz, Molly O'Connell, Town Planner

Members Absent: Polly Titcomb, Select person Liaison; Marzie Galazka, Comm & Economic Development Dir; Angela Ippolito, Planning Board Chair; Danielle Strauss, Recreation Director.

The minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved.

### Previous Meeting Action Items

- **Letter to School Building Committee:** approved as written. Tania moves to send a letter as per revisions made at tonight's meeting; pending approval and edits
- **Green Corridor Plan:** In Marzie's absence we will postpone discussion until next meeting
- **December 2018 Idea Exchange Followup:** Sarah Koch shared [the summary](#)
  - **Action Item:** OS&RPC will review Idea Exchange notes at a future meeting and establish relevant Open Table actions.
- **Johnson Park Plan:** no public statement or social media post was made as discussed at the last meeting. Due to the release of the recent Harbor Plan by the Harbor & Waterfront Advisory Committee we'd like to invite them to an upcoming OS&RPC meeting to share our plan for the Park. Angela shared postcards and historical photos of Johnson Park Space
  - **Action Item:** Marzie will share existing planning information about Johnson Park with OS&RPC and committee will discuss most salient elements of the plan that should be executed upon
- **Boat Storage at Fisherman's Beach parking lot:** this topic has been deemed irrelevant to the mission of the OS&RPC
- **Ewing Woods Encroachment:** In Marzie's absence we will postpone discussion until next meeting
  - **Action Item:** Marzie will arrange to send one final cease and desist to encroachment at Ewing Woods.
- **OS&RPC Gift Fund:** In Marzie's absence we will postpone discussion until next meeting
  - **Action Item:** Marzie will speak to appropriate town employee to see if this is possible.

### New Items

- OS&R Plan on Airtable – Review of five action items postponed until next meeting

- Johnson Park Plan: **committee discussed harbor plan and their vision of Johnson Park vs ours.**
  - **Tania to invite the Waterfront and Harbor Advisory Committee to our next meeting. Review our top goals for plans: [See final report] berms, vegetation, walkways, etc**
  - **Preliminary design in 2016 in process of hiring professional landscape architect**
  - **Action Item:** make a public statement via social media or town site blog stating: OS&RPC is reexamining the landscape design plans for Johnson Park created in collaboration with Tufts and public process, taking into account landscaping improvements to create solutions to coastal resilience issues including storm surge and general best use of open space.
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- **Organic Lawn Management update**
  - Sarah K and Tania reviewed process to submit TURI grant and details of failed attempt. The 2019 grant application has been pulled with plans to resubmit for 2020.
  - Sarah K and Sierra will lead an initiative to form an Organic Lawn Maintenance Task Force to more systematically address the topic
  - **Action Item:** Sarah K to reach out to BOH, Con Com, Swampscott Conservancy, and residents through OS&RP Facebook group to seek interested Task Force members
- **School Building Committee update**
  - Sarah K reports that SBC had a brief meeting on June 18, 2019 and identified 3 consulting companies to interview for the upcoming July deadline for MSBA
  - Next SBC meeting August 20, 2019 (Sarah K unable to attend)
- **Swampscott Conservancy update**
  - Toni reports many upcoming events including Eelgrass educational event on July 14, 2019, the Pollinator Garden planting at Town Hall on July 14, 2019, and the Kid's Haiku beach event in September
- **Tree Advisory Task Force update**
  - Sara H reports that Task Force is looking to obtain a tree mapping program that can be continually tracked and updated
- **Seaside Cooperative Garden update**
  - Membership full for 2019, donations from local companies continue to come in, and the vegetables are growing well
- **DPW update** – Tania has no new report at this time

Meeting Adjourned 8:46.

The next OS&RPC meeting is scheduled for **Tues, August 20th at 7PM**

Minutes taken by Sarah Koch