

## **Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee -- July 18, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

**Time:** 7:10pm – 9:05 pm **Location:** Swampscott Town Hall, Second Floor

**Members Present:** Tania Lillak, Jim Olivetti, Toni Bandrowicz, Richard Smith

**Members/Others Absent:** Mary Webster, Angela Ippolito, Sarah Pruett, Pete Kane (Dir. Of Community Development), Danielle Strauss (Recreation Director)

Vice Chair Tania Lillak chaired the meeting in Mary Webster's absence. A quorum of 4 voting members was confirmed.

The minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

The meeting began with a review of topics from the June meeting minutes with several new action items generated:

Action: In response to the perceived "overload" of monuments and memorial benches in the town center which is an historic district, the Committee agreed that there is a need for a written town policy about creation and placement of new monuments/benches. Richard will talk with chairs of both the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission to begin to address this need.

Action: Jim agreed to serve as OS&RPC liaison to a newly formed Tree Advisory Task Force. He will check with Mary Webster on the result of her discussion with Gino Cresta about this Task Force and contact other Task Force members.

Action: Tania will invite Gino to an upcoming meeting to discuss a number of outstanding items that involved DPW. High on this list of items of interest to the Committee is to learn of any progress made on DCR taking over the Swampscott section of the King's Beach seawall.

Action: Toni will ask Danielle Strauss for an update on the Eagle Scout project to improve access at Harold King Town Forest. The benefit of a "ribbon cutting" ceremony once the project is completed was recognized.

Action: Toni will talk with the Conservation Commission about an assessment of invasive plants on conservation lands.

Action: Toni will ask Naomi about status of White Court task force.

Action: Jim will ask Danielle about possible temporary ice rink equipment available.

The Committee next reviewed the OS&R Plan objectives, at the Town Administrator's recommendation, to identify objectives that required capital investment, and to ultimately develop a prioritized capital improvement plan for open space.

It was noted that there are several tracks for funds for capital improvements: the town's annual capital improvement program; budgeted funding for open space improvement; grant programs, both state and other; and donated money.

This is the list of Open Space Plan objectives identified that involve capital expenditures (presented in the order appearing in the OS Plan version dated 6/13/2017):

12. Expand trash/recycling facilities at parks and beaches. (see also #73)
- 15: Add signage about health risks where applicable. (may be covered by beach resiliency grant)
- 73: Incorporate amenities at beaches (restrooms, picnic tables, benches, bike racks, public showers.)  
NOTE: need to check with Pete as to what funds might be available through beach resiliency project.
20. Improve playground at Phillips Park. (verify that this is completely covered under turf field project)
- 27: Ensure disabled accessibility at Windsor Park. NOTE: check with Gino on what plans he has in place for upgrading Windsor Park.
- 69: Stairs/path from High School parking lot to Lower Jackson Park and Burpee Road to improve access for seniors from Senior Center and others to the park.
- 16: Improve right-of-way and path from Puritan Road to Humphrey street bordering Phillips Park.  
NOTE: Committee plans for a site visit to this location as part of August 8 meeting.
19. Develop a community garden, including fencing, water source, etc. No site for garden identified.  
NOTE: Tania will talk with Gino about garden at high school and other possible sites.
- 63, Complete Phase 3 of the tree inventory.
74. Blend Swampscott portion of “Lynn Shore Reservation” with DCR’s portion. (landscape, lighting, railing, etc.) NOTE: First need to determine whether or not DCR will take on Swampscott’s section.
86. Improve open space and public access at White Court (possible capital expense, dependent on whether or not Town has any influence on final disposition of property)
93. Make remaining repairs at stairs and railing at 40 Steps. NOTE: Tania to check with Gino on status
94. Repair King’s Beach sea wall. This objective is linked to #74, and should be completed prior to expenditures on #74.
98. Increase number of street trees. This expenditure is guided by results of complete tree inventory. (see #63)
100. Conduct assessment and control plan for invasive plants in parks.
5. Employ green roofs on public buildings where feasible.
31. Acquire infrastructure for temporary ice rink. (not plastic).
32. New open space acquisitions. This is a placeholder to note that the town needs a written plan for acquiring new open space when it becomes available.
44. Improve access to existing public ways. Improvements to surfaces, signage, possible legal expenses may be involved.
45. Acquire land behind Windsor Park. NOTE: Check with Pete to determine current ownership.
46. Children’s playground at Polisson Park. (May not be needed if new park is created at Phillips Park).
53. Repair of sea walls at Eiseman’s and Whale’s Beach to counteract sea level rise.

67. Develop beachfront park landscaping at Chaisson and Polisson Parks. This is dependent on completing of beach resiliency project.
71. Acquire trail leading to High School from Aggregate. NOTE: check with Pete on current ownership.
72. Improve access to existing Blythwood public easement, plantings, signage, path improvement, fencing. (See also #44)
79. Rehabilitate civil defense structure at Lower Jackson Park.
84. Acquire open space areas associated with Aggregate quarry. NOTE: Toni reports that Aggregate is not interested in parting with any of its property or putting conservation restrictions on it.
88. Acquire open space areas around Foster Pond. NOTE: Uncertain what lands might be available.
89. Reinstall rose garden. NOTE: This probably would be funded by private donations.
97. Install boardwalk and viewing platform overlooking Palmer Pond.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2017.

Agenda items for August meeting:

1. The meeting will begin with a site visit to the right-of-way leading by the Phillips Park parking lot.
2. Prioritize the OSP objectives requiring capital expenditures (identified at July meeting).