

Open Spaces & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting
February 11, 2020

Members Present: Tania Lillak, Tonia Bandrowicz, Sara Hepburn, Molly O'Connell, Senior Planner

Not present: Angela Ippolito; Richard Smith; Sarah Koch, Sierra Munoz; Danielle Strauss, Recreation Director

Tania Lillak moves to call the meeting to order 7:11pm; Sara Hepburn seconds. All approve.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from January 14, 2020

No quorum so cannot vote to approve minutes from January 14, 2020

Action items from December 2019 Meeting:

Item #62 (Establish storm water management plan) is tied to #65 (Investigate and identify pollution runoff). Toni feels the town could beef up the education part of the storm water management program. She suggested that the town join the Greenscapes North Shore Coalition who assist communities in addressing stormwater and water quality issues. Toni is interested in working on this as its both Open Space & ConCom issue.

Action item: Toni to investigate Greenscapes and talk to Gino and table for March meeting.

The Tree Advisory Task Force has sent the tree bylaw to the group

Action item: Molly will town counsel and OSRPC will vote on bylaw when there is a quorum next month.

Interpretive Signs for Recreation Areas: Swampscott is looking to create our own walking route map with WalkBoston to include with grant and Molly will determine locations and submit grant (possibly Fish House, Linscott, and two other locations: a balance of historic and open space place).

Phillips Beach Bathhouse: There is an item in the current budget- what does it include? Is this a temporary or permanent structure? Does it include toilets? See item #73 below. The draft letter to the Select Board was discussed; Tania to revise

Action item: Hold off on letter until we receive Kleinfelder's report

Phillips Beach: Town was awarded a grant \$365K from the Municipal Voluntarily Program (MVP) for work at beach entrances at Phillips and Cassidy Beach for mitigate climate change. Marzie hopeful that these funds can assist us to determine the feasibility of a bath house at Philips. Kleinfelder is the consultant that will work with us on this project and this work will begin now. We will go out to bid on construction.

Action Item: Marzie is looking for a member of OSRPC to be a member of a group for the MVP Grant. Meeting date in the next month. This for design and construction of resiliency and accessibility work at Phillips Beach and Cassidy Beach

#68 Invasive plants: -Tree task force to ask Gino to cut out invasives /multiflora rose at Howland Park:

Action Item: Sara Hepburn will contact Gino re: invasives

New Business: 0 Archer Street—potential to preserve from development.

Action Item: Tania to email Marzie re: grants and steps to explore preserving as open space.

Airtable Review

#98: Adding funding for adding trees to increase canopy: Completed with creation of Tree Gift Fund by the Tree Task Force

#99: Effort to control phragmites in Palmer Pond: A consultant came out and gave an estimate for phragmites at Palmer as well as other places. Was extremely expensive

Action Item: Package all the invasive tasks together (including task #100). Tonia will think about how best to approach this.

#100: Conduct assessment and control plan of invasive plants: Put with #99

#101: Create a plan to detect unique flora and fauna

Action Item: Clarify but keep in plan

#102: Institute program through land use and development to encourage the use of permeable soils

Action Item: Combine with stormwater tasks for next plan

#103: Inventory Plant Species (Harold King Forest)

Action Items: Will be part of the upcoming report for the Forest Management Plan; can also use iNaturalist results for Swampscott

#104: Replace pavement with more porous materials

Action Item: Combine with stormwater tasks

2020 Plan Survey Input Request

Molly distributed draft of revised OSRPC Survey. She made edits as appropriate but brought questions to group. Survey was further edited by group.

Survey to go live for the month of March with a public meeting in April (presentation and interactive component). Information will be gathered and tasks will be finalized in order to present in June to Planning Board and Select Board (final draft will then go to DCR).

Tree By-Law/Tree Task Force

No quorum. Held public meeting.

Will vote on OSRPC sponsorship in March meeting when there is a quorum

Other Community Development Updates

Swampscott will be applying for grant funding for Windsor and Clarke School Parks, most likely with state funding from PARC.

Swampscott Conservancy Update

Next meeting in February 13; February 26 speaker on climate change. Doing a video collaboration with Swampscott High School; 2020 membership drive; collaborating with Senior Center and High School to do pollinator garden; etc.

Conservation Committee

Settled Ewing Woods encroachment; encroachers are going to remove things and let nature grow.

Green Corridor

Map from plan (map #12). Will need to discuss with Gino about what is the best green corridor to explore. Molly will do research and look at MAPC.

Action Item: Molly will do research and look at MAPC.

Next meeting is on March 10, 2020

Adjourned at 8:22pm

Minutes taken by Sara Hepburn