

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee Meeting MINUTES – March 22, 2022

Members Present: Tania Lillak (Chair), Brian Longin, Toni Bandrowicz, Richard Smith (Historical Commission), Verena Karsten, Angela Ippolito

Not Present: Danielle Strauss (Recreation) Michele Barden, Marzie Galazka, Sierra Munoz

Public: Deb Newman

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Tania Lillak

Minute taker: Angela

1. Minute taker assignment Angela

2. Public comment None

3. **Approval of minutes from Feb 8, 2022** Richard motioned to approve, Brian second, approved

4. Action items from last meeting's minutes

1. Update on the monuments: Brian got together briefly with Jer and Richard and will do so again at the end of next week to come up with draft map locations (art, memorials) accompanied by moratorium ...if moratorium then where would we put them?

Action Item: Brian to have draft by next meeting.

12. Windsor Park: Toni thought Marzie said that they were going to send a cease and desist letter out- paper street that is being encroached upon

Action Item: Toni to follow up on Windsor Park.

13. Howland Park: Tania following up, John Mclaughlin can't do it because tree removal is too difficult and dangerous. No answer yet from John Mclaughlin regarding the multi flora removal. Toni said we may need to make a capital request. Problem is on the slope says Richard. Maybe Gino can do it with staff. Gino could put in budget. Verena thinks bigger issue are the fallen trees that looks bad. Would be good to get up there then replant some of the hill to make it nicer. TTF next meeting is April 12th.

Action Item: Tania to follow up with Gino and Verena to bring up at TTF meeting.

15. Jackson Woods – deed research - Marzie said kplaw was slow getting back

Action Item: Toni to follow up on deed research for Jackson Woods.

19. Tania – light pollution causing some concern re: the building lighting at TH. Angela thought the spot lights were solar but not sure. Municipal street lights should have hooding for night sky.

Action Item: Angela to follow up with Marzie.

8. How do we collaborate and Coordinate with different committees? Tania starting to send minutes Gino and Polly. Maybe an Annual meeting? Checklists? Information portal that all committees contribute to? Best practices from other towns would probably be helpful.

Action Item: Research best practices from other towns -Marissa

5. New Business

Goal #39: Athletic Field Advisory Committee was disbanded and is now the Athletic Field Use Committee. Danielle is no longer on this committee as she does not schedule the fields. Is this just a football field oversight committee? Marzie said they oversee the programming of all town fields, including maintenance. The School Athletic Department oversees scheduling. Tania emailed Marzie to see if the OSRPC should be on this committee for the organic lawn program. Marzie said she would speak to Gino and find out more.

Action Item: Tania to follow up with Marzie after she speaks to Gino about Field Use committee

6. OSRP Airtable review – Goals 21-25

21: develop plan to encourage planting trees with memorial plaque----this is DONE!

Arboretum. Tree inventory being updated. Two trees getting planted this spring

ANGELA get the Town Hall site map. Launch from historic commission website.

Sammie Lawler sent a message about memorial apple tree. New schools – send web address to everyone for school

22. Propose general bylaw to maintain and protect trees DONE

23. Develop map of areas for zoning regs to identify areas to limit negative impacts of land development- need a bigger discussion

Action Item: ANGELA to look at Site Plan Regs.

24. Develop plan for replacement of ailing and aged street trees, ONGOING. 40K from town for tree planting went down waiting list, done with that by this spring. Planted 60-70 trees that people wanted. Now trying to get priority list together, where and what to prioritize, storm damage? Limited tree coverage? Next planting season will be fall.

Verena: Key is tree inventory.

25. Educate coastal property owners that they should do something to protect their homes TONI Kleinfelder put together list, Molly put it in to brochure, some concommers want to tweak, work it in to site plan?? Almost check off! Toni sent a copy of the map to all.

7. High School Student – The principal has connected Brian with a student, Yaroslava, who has a solid resume, left it to meet & review, Tania also had Francie Southan of the Green Scholars reach out to her. They are putting together service project list. Ideas were suggested: Invite them to next meeting? Could they be a liaison to assist with better coordination? Their work doesn't have to be limited to one committee. Yaroslava

has attended a Conservancy meeting. Get involved with not only environmental issues but issues with how government works? Registry of deeds? We should let them know what we expect. Someone needs to be assigned as mentor. As a follow up, Brian and Toni both made suggestions for student projects.

Action Item: Brian to determine appropriate path and reach out to Yaroslava and Franci.

8. Property Acquisition update

- Manson Road, Parcel 11-742 – we are getting this property for non payment of taxes
- Our letter to Polly was sent on February 10. We need to act on Spinale Road, Oldash driving school building...can Sean, Select Board, zba request?

Action Item: Ask Marzie to follow up.

Action Item: Tania to email Polly re: meeting.

9. School Building/Sustainability Committee update: Toni

Town/SBC came before ConComm, made presentation. Toni made statement saying they could not yet make decision from peer review. Continued public hearing til Monday, town very eager to move fast
Church filed a protest letter re: land taking

10. Community Development update Marzie

No update this meeting.

11. Task Force update – Tree Advisory Verena

The forming of the Tree Committee has been stalled since Allie left. There will be a tree giveaway on Arbor Day. This was a collaboration with the Conservancy. They will be little white oaks. This is happening on April 30 with the friends of rail trail doing fundraiser at same time on TH lawn.

12. Swampscott Conservancy update Toni

March 8 zoom -Quality of Kings Beach- lots of info is up on the Conservancy's youtube. Sen Crighton interested in working on issues. Also planning climate change presentation. Someone wants to donate \$1000 for pesticide program awareness, birdblind at HK, Middle school building benches for forest river trail. Tour of pollinator garden, Stanley highlights

13. Committee/Department update – Conservation Toni

Big news is the school. Put off talking about non filing issues but at next meeting on 21 volunteer trail maintenance agency. Balloon policy now. Hope is that the town apply it for all town property.

14. Committee/Department update – Rail Trail Tania

MPO Meeting -Tania and others from Town spoke in support of funding for rail trail, we are hopeful to obtain funding

15. Committee/Department update – Historical Richard

Waiting weather on installation of informational signs.

16. Committee/Department update – Planning Angela

School site plan granted on March 21, biggest issue is safety, traffic, pedestrian access, buffering behind building. Zoning changes upcoming at Town meeting include signs, Vinnin Sq amendments, outdoor dining.

17. Committee/Department update – Recreation Danielle

No update this meeting.

18. Other business that may properly come before the committee

MaryEllen Fletcher, running for Select Board, introduced herself and aligned her mission with goals of OSRC

19. Confirmation of next meeting date – April 12, 2022 Tania

8:50 pm Meeting Adjourned.