

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee Meeting MINUTES – April 12, 2022

Members Present: Tania Lillak (Chair), Brian Longin, Toni Bandrowicz, Sierra Munoz, Richard Smith (Historical Commission)

Not Present: Danielle Strauss (Recreation) Michele Barden, Marzie Galazka, Verena Karsten, Angela Ippolito

Public: Yaroslava Shiryayeva (student)- brief introductions of the Committee with new student who would like to assist. “Petey”, student at SHS. Involved in a lot of volunteer groups. Excited to help how she can. Toni and Brian to reach out and meet separately.

Action Item: Brian and Toni to share project list with Petey.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Tania Lillak

Minute taker: Brian

1. Minute taker assignment: Brian

2. Public comment: None

3. **Approval of minutes from March 22, 2022** Sierra motioned to approve, Toni second, approved.

4. Action items from last meeting’s minutes

1. Update on the monument: Jer, Richard, Brian met for ongoing efforts in mapping and cataloging potential locations. Will have to edit letter and attempt to provide draft products next meeting. Verena mentioned a monument being voted on by Select Board.

Action Item: Brian to have draft product 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. Owner of property is cleaning up mess now and on hold. Toni suggested a fence where town property is so it does not recur.

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. Tania did follow up but awaiting reply.

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

15. Jackson Woods – deed research - Marzie said KP law (town consultant) was slow getting back. Toni said easement aggregate granted to town for soccer field to Marzie. Maybe they can locate the deed for the property in attempt to make conservation land.
Action Item: Toni to follow up on deed research for Jackson Woods. In progress as of 4/12.

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. In progress as of 4/12.

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**. Toni to check with Angela.

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. In progress as of 4/12.

Sierra shared the climate action plan resolution. Trying to incorporate into voting at town meeting. Spoke about promoting the resolution. Open Space should be present in discussion. CARC hoping to build out climate resiliency plan similar to other communities in the next year. *Motion moved by Sierra for the OSRPC to endorse a climate action plan resolution for presentation at Town Meeting. Seconded by Richard. All in favor.*

Action Item: Sierra to follow up with Neil Duffy.

Select Board candidate forum coming up. Sierra inquired to the Committee about questions to them at this forum. Toni said we should ask them about their stance on open space.

Action Item: Sierra to message conservancy inquiring about questions and to submit question from Open Space.

6. OSRP Airtable review – Goals 23-30

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. Tabled until next meeting.

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.

Action Item: Toni and Concom working on finalizing brochure and will follow-up.

26. Ensure Town completes necessary storm drain work to eliminate source of bacteria. ONGOING. Better information needed about when not to swim in water. Tania uploaded articles from Lynn Item to FB page.

27. Establish a winter salt management program to protect open space (alternative to salt). Need to sit down with Gino. Tania spoke with Verena about the trees effected by salt. Verena to speak with Gino at TTF meeting. Salt should be placed properly. Gino directed by police department.

Action Item: Verena to report back.

28. Establish tree inventory. Tree inventory has been updated. ONGOING.

Action Item: Ask Verena for update for airtable.

29. Identify and certify potential vernal pools. Toni, received emails from someone who has observed salamanders at the church. As far as Toni knows, Erica hasn't received state certification yet. Sierra to speak with her this week. Toni thought Erica was looking for more vernal pools, not just church area. ONGOING.

Action Item: Sierra to confirm with Erica about updates from the State.

30. Investigate and identify pollution runoff. Gino needs to be the implementer. May be good for a student project to understand various options and explain them. Potential recommendations/ policy. What are other towns doing? Green infrastructure. ONGOING.

7. High School Student – Tania, Brian and Toni provided suggestions for student projects. Franci and her group chose native planting policy project for senior project with deadline in May. Toni said Conservancy drafted a native plant policy. Town did not want to adopt it. Group should communicate with Susan Hale. Share the drafted policy with them. Yaroslava was in attendance tonight.

Action Item: Toni and Brian to meet with Yaroslava to set up projects. Toni to get information to Brian and Franci. Communicate end game with students and potential presentation.

8. Goals # 11 and 65. Kings Beach and DCR. Toni explained Lori Erlich has left and it would be good to know where she left on this work. Seawall repairs are ongoing. Toni inquired to whether Open Space should approach Senator Crighton about Kings Beach

and DCR taking over. Sierra mentioned that there is a forum for the Reps as well. Potentially ask them questions too.

Action Item: Toni to draft letter to Senator Crighton.

9. 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. Tania emailed Polly but awaiting reply.
Toni sent out a list of potential locations for properties. Tabled until after Town Meeting.

10. School Building/Sustainability Committee update: Sierra and Toni

Sustainability committee met to discuss HVAC system. Continue geothermal testing and landscape architect will survey exiting trees to id ones for preservation and tree protection plan. Toni said Conversation issued order or permit with conditions to ensure the work will not impact the wetlands. As soon as final Toni will send out. Small group who came to public hearing who vocal against issuing a permit but they misunderstood the protection act.

11. Community Development update Tania

Windsor park construction begins this week. Not enough funding for the basketball court in phase one. Marzie said the Phillips beach entry way is underway. Rail trail- boring will commence near paradise road on both sides of the embankment. April 30th Earth Fest has a flyer and will be posted to FB. Town Meeting- Marzie will ask for funding for basketball park and playground at Clark School.

12. Task Force update – Tree Advisory Verena

Verena to send update or speak next meeting.

13. Swampscott Conservancy update Toni

Climate change presentation in the fall. Coordinating hikes and working with girl scouts on projects. Having middle school build us bench for forest river connector trail and bat houses for sale.

15. Committee/Department update – Historical Richard

Informational signs for town hall and linscott park (gazebo) are up.

19. Confirmation of next meeting date – May 10, 2022 Tania

8:50 pm Meeting Adjourned. Moved by Sierra seconded by Richard.