

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee Meeting Notes – July 13, 2021

Members Present: Tania Lillak (Chair), Toni Bandrowicz (Vice Chair), Sierra Muñoz, and Molly O’Connell (Senior Planner)

Not Present: Richard Smith, Michele Barden, Angela Ippolito (Planning Board Rep), Danielle Strauss (Recreation Director), Marzie Galazka (Community Development Director)

Public: No one was present from the public

A quorum was not present so the meeting was not formally called to order and no votes taken on any matters and the previous June 8, 2021 meeting minutes were not approved.

Below is a summary of items discussed as taken by Toni Bandrowicz:

Molly mentions that there will be a Hadley Sch. Reuse Open House on July 29th from 6-7:30 pm at Linscott Park.

Tania had reached out to Danielle about the maintenance list for school and town playgrounds, but has not heard back from her yet; Molly will check on this item.

Molly will also reach out to the town of Norwood to see if she can get info/template for its town open space brochure.

Molly mentioned that she also has gotten information from Beverly on the public way signs.

Toni raises the question of whether town can have street pole banners like Beverly instead of spending money every year on the planters.

Elizabeth Smith had sought volunteers for taking care of the Monument Ave. lilac garden; John McLoughlin informed her that he does the maintenance on the garden and coordinates with DPW.

The Disability Comm. has enough members now, but hasn’t yet met. It isn’t known when the ADA transition plan will be sent to the Select Board.

Johnson Park is still on hold, but a grant application for seawall work has been submitted.

Philips Beach is still in the Chapter. 91 process.

Tania shared Windsor Park plans which the OS&RP Committee will discuss further when have a quorum.

Walker Road – Molly notes that town received comments.

Green Corridor - Tania and Toni had met with Gino, need to figure out short term (e.g., signs) and long term goals. Toni also to touch base with Michele.

It is planned that the Rail Trail (from Humphrey St. to Middle Sch.) will be coming back to the Conservation Commission in August.

Foster Pond – seeking donation/lease of land from Aggregate currently on hold but Toni is working with Conservancy and DPW on fixing town owned land that abuts the pond near the dam.

Molly is talking to Greenbelt about Jackson Woods and having them assist in making it conservation land.

Noted that Tania sent a list of potential new members.

Toni mentions that she has been trying to set up a follow-up meeting with the SBC re Conservancy's comments on Stanley Sch. but it has not gotten back to her.

The Tree Task Force has not met since last meeting. One update – the replacement tree for the Elm was planted yesterday. "Scarlet" our new scarlet oak.

Richard sent four interpretive signs that will be going up around town. Tania to send to the committee as our OSRP has goals related to signage.

Next meeting is schedule for August 10th.