

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 2021

MINUTES

- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Carrie Rennie, Chair, Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisilah, and Sandy Venner. Dawn Ackerman absent. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes August 31, 2021 meeting.
- II. Final Review of MVPC Mapping of Conservation Land and Public Trails – Sue will report final details to MVPC. OSC would like three maps about 11"x14" size of the open space map with trails. Sue will inquire about trail maps suitable for the map boxes. She will also ask if someone at MVPC could assist with grants to preserve Sargent land formerly in 61A.
- III. Plan Bi-annual meeting to be hosted by OSC – Lucy reported that the Board of Selectmen were supportive of the proposed meeting to assess the status of items in the OS Plan. She will send emails to individual committees and boards requesting their status updates. OSC will review its OS Plan items at the next meeting.
- IV. Report on activity of Strategic Planning Group – Lucy reported on the process and input provided. One of the recommendations is to engage part-time professional Town Planner services that might benefit OS objectives.
- V. Oct. 16th Trail Walk and Nov. 13th Fall clean-up – Sue and Dawn will publicize these events through the schools and social media. Direct notification will be given to interested volunteers and the Merrimac Garden Club members. Plans were made for set-up at the Battis Road entrance to the Red Oak Hill Trail for the walk.
- VI. FY '22 Budget ideas – Item tabled until next meeting.
- VII. Ideas for Future Grants with Merrimack Conservation Partnership – Suggested projects were the better crossings for wet areas on Marshview Trail and better universal accessibility for the McLaren Trail.
- VIII. Correspondence
 - Certificate for Retired Member – BOS had written a letter of thanks for years of service.
 - UNH Student rock research – Will ask student to use the Project Form.
- IX. Schedule next meeting and adjourn Next meeting will be Nov. 23rd at 4pm.

Sandra Venner

November 18, 2021