

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

MINUTES

- I. Attendance and Approval of October 30, 2023 minutes: Present were members Lucy Abisalih, Dawn Ackerman, Mary Ann Glennon, Sue Simmons, Sandy Venner and Sean Wright. Motion made and seconded by Sue and Mary and voted to approve October 23, 2023 minutes.
- II. Update on Response to Beaver Activity at Marshview Pond: Pond was drained by NH landowner using PVC pipe. Water level is down to normal and flowing through culvert. There is evidence of much beaver activity visible along the Marshview Trail. Dawn will follow-up with Con Com to ensure they are updated on matters.
- III. Trail Activities
 - Status of Trail Clean-up Work – Committee members are addressing identified issues. Dawn and her husband, Don, will repair damaged spindles on BeepBeep bridge and inform DPW. Lucy will ask the Select Board to once again send a remainder to abutters along the McLaren Trail to respect Town property.
 - Trail tree removal – Committee members and other volunteers have addressed.
 - Discussion with Town Improvement Society re: trail – Lucy and Sandy meet with TIS and discussed desirability of school groups and seniors using trail and viewing historic buildings.
- IV. Coordination with Master Plan Community Forums and Survey: Some Committee member participated in the community meeting. Issues of interest to OSC were included in the discussions such as preservation of Town Forest and use of Emery Street. The OSC will put a link to the survey on its web page when it is released. Lucy would like to invite interested parties to join the OSC in reviewing the goals of the existing OS and Recreation Plan.
- V. FY'24 Budget Plans and Expenditures: Dawn will check the price of spindles for the bridge. Sean will provide plexiglass for the kiosk at Church St. Other necessary purchases will be reviewed at next meeting
- VI. Correspondence - None
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 23rd at 5pm.