

Open Space Committee

Thursday, February 22, 2024

MINUTES

- I. Attendance and Approval of January 23, 2024 minutes: Present were members Lucy Abisalih, Dawn Ackerman, Mary Ann Glennon, Sue Simmons, and Sandy Venner. Sean Wright arrived at 6pm. Motion made and seconded by Mary and Sue and voted to approve January 23, 2024 minutes.
- II. Notice to Abutters of McLaren Trail: When Lucy presented this request to the Select Board, they asked that the Committee cover the cost of the mailing and obtain the list. Motion to do so made and seconded by Sue and Mary and approved. The intent is for the letter to go out under the Select Board signature and on their stationary.
- III. McLaren Trail Improvements: Mary will inquire of local groups how fund establishment and maintenance of trails. Sean will follow-up his initial inquiry about a student project at Merrimack College assessing the necessary work. To aid this, he suggested a video of the trouble areas. OSC web page could include suggestions for Eagle Scout projects.
- IV. Coordination with Master Plan Process: Survey results are being tabulated and will be presented at next community meeting in the Spring. As the process is behind schedule, it was agreed that the Committee would wait to approach the Select Board again about articles for conservation protection for the Town Forest until the FTM.

Sandy asked Denise McClure if MVPC can have access to the data collected by the consultants to update the Open Space & Rec Plan. Denise believes the Town owns the data but will check.
- V. Other Related Town Activities: Lucy attended a meeting of folks interested in organizing a Farmers Market initiated by the new owner of King's Grant farm. The parking lot at the Senior Center has been offered. Lucy will keep committee updated.
- VI. FY'24 Budget Plans and Expenditures: \$262 remains in the expense line item. Dawn has purchased and begun installing spindles for the BeepBeep bridge. Dawn will seek list of items for kiosk at trailheads. Sandy will check ability to have laminated at the library.
- VII. Correspondence – None
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. Next meeting will be Monday, March 18th at 5pm to better accommodate schedules.