

# Open Space Committee

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

## MINUTES

- I. **Attendance and Approval of January 28, 2025 minutes:** Meeting called to order at 5:00pm. Present were members Lucy Abisalih, Sue Simmons, Dawn Ackerman, Sandy Venner, and Sean Wright. Motion made and seconded by Dawn and Lucy and voted to approve Jan. 28, 2025 minutes. It was noted that Martin Hanlon has not been able to attend meetings. Lucy will asked if he wishes to continue on the OSC.
- II. **Trail Activities**
  - **Marking loops for both ends of Marshview Trail:** Due to snow depth in February, this was tentatively rescheduled for March 22nd.
  - **Tree Update:** Dawn reported more down trees on the McLaren Trail which Sean will remove if possible.
- III. **Reports on collaboration with Other Entities:** Lucy has been in touch with Greenbelt and the Conserrvation Commission as they finalize the CR for the Hoyt property and offered OSC support. Dawn will attend the meeting of Neighbors for Nature to identify if there are areas for future collaboration and shared outreach. Sandy reported that Emery Street fields land is no longer being considered for the new DPW building so discussion can continue as part of the OSRP regarding its redevelopment.
- IV. **Updating of Open Space and Recreation Plan:** OSC will appear before the Select Board on March 4<sup>th</sup> seeking their support for the \$20,000 reimbursable grant and the required 10% match for a consultant to write the OSRP. Lucy has had difficulty connecting with Adrienne Lennon at MVPC to confirm their role. Sandy reported that Susan Moses was the consultant who assisted with the last plan and Lucy will contact her through Linked-In.
- V. **FY'26 budget and Trail Improvement Article:** The request for a new Special Article for \$3,000 from Free Cash for trail maintenance and improvements will be heard at Fin Com on March 17th. Dawn reported that \$537 remains in the OS expense line item.
- VI. **Correspondence - Annual report:** Motion and second by Sandy and Dawn to approve the Annual Report as redrafted by Mary who will submit it.
- VII. Next meeting will be March 25<sup>th</sup>. Adjourned at 6:15pm.

Sandra Venner  
March 19, 2025