

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 MINUTES

- I. **Attendance and Approval of November 18, 2025 minutes:** Meeting called to order at 5:05pm. Present were members Mary Ann Glennon, Dawn Ackerman, Sue Simmons, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and seconded by Mary and Sue to approve Sept. 18, 2025 minutes and voted by all.
- II. **Member status:** Sean Wright's resignation was accepted and the great service he gave to OSC work acknowledged. Lynette Provencal was welcomed as a new member. Motion made and seconded by Dawn and Sue to recommend to the Select Board that Lynn be appointed to OSC with all supporting.

III. Trail Activities

- **Trail work day:** Eight volunteers came to assist with clearing the entrance to the Marshview Trail after crossing the field and check status of new trail loop.
- **Action regarding bench in Town Forest and Cobblers Brook Greenway:** Sue and a representative from Con Com were present as Mark Taylor had the new bench installed by the beaver pond. Mark wants it to be dedicated to Matt McGregor, a Pentucket student who passed away. Mark also has received a donation of a cement bench that the Committee believes should be installed at the entrance to the Red Oak Hill Trail on Winter Street.

Sandy will check if the bench at the Cobbler's Brook Greenway is movable and Dawn will ask a family connected with the installation if they are okay with it being moved.

- IV. **Coordination with other groups: Event planning for 150th:** Neighbors for Naure asked if OSC would co-sponsor croquet events at Carey on first Sundays, 3-5pm, April thru October. Sandy and Sue made motion to co-sponsor these events with N4N and all supported. Dawn will let them know we will partner. Although Lucy could not attend the meeting, she passed on the suggestion that OSC lead a winter/early spring walk. Feb. 21st was tentative date suggested for a walk on the McLaren Trail to the marsh and April 25th to the beaver pond and new bench, possibly to coincide with the dedication. Dawn will check into this.

- V. **Update for Open Space and Recreation Plan:** Lucy learned that the state has not yet named the recipients of the grant for which she applied. As Sean was going to serve as the other OSC rep for the OSRP Advisory Committee, she requested some else volunteer. Mary Ann agreed to do it and Sandy and Sue made motion which all approved for her to be named.

- VI. **FY'26 line item and Trail Improvement Article:** Motion made and seconded by Mary and Dawn to have 200 maps made of each trail for up to \$150. All approved. It was suggested to purchase a chainsaw if funds remained at the end of FY'26.

- VII. Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 16th at 5:30pm. Adjourned at 6:20pm.

Sandra Venner, December 12, 2025