

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

MINUTES

- I. **Attendance and Approval of November 18, 2025 minutes:** Meeting called to order at 5:30pm. Present were members Lucy Abisalih, Mary Ann Glennon, Dawn Ackerman, Lynette Provencal, Sue Simmons, and Sandy Venner and guest visitor, Rade Milijasevic. Motion made and seconded by Mary and Sue to approve November 18, 2025 minutes and voted by all.
- II. **Trail Activities**
 - **Action regarding bench by Town Forest entrance and at Cobblers Brook Greenway:** The donated cement bench has not been installed at the entrance to the Red Oak Hill Trail on Winter Street.

Dawn spoke to Mark Judson who was involved with the installation of the bench at Cobbler's Brook Greenway. He has no problem with it being moved and believes that it should not be too difficult to do. He also reported that there are more brackets and wood that could be used for another bench.
- III. **Coordination with other groups: Event planning for 150th:** Neighbors for Naure suggested dates for the co-sponsored croquet events at Carey on first or second Sundays, 3-5pm, April thru October. Feb. 28th was the date set for a walk on the McLaren Trail from Brush Hill Road to the marsh to be led by Tim Simmons. April 25th is the tentative date for a walk on one side or the other of the Town Forest beaver pond to coincide with the dedication of the new bench or with spring blooms on the Beaver Pond Reservation side. Dawn will have these dates posted on the 150th celebration events calendar.
- IV. **Update for Open Space and Recreation Plan:** Lucy reported that the state has not yet reviewed the grant requests for approval, but anticipates no problem. She has sent a status update and background material to the members of the Advisory Committee. Con Com has named Jerome Mathieu as their representative.
- V. **FY'26 and FY'27 line item and Trail Improvement Article:** Sue brought to the meeting the trail maps funded out of the \$436 remaining in the line item. Dawn and Sandy made and seconded the motion to request the usual \$630 for the line item for FY'27. All approved.
- VI. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13th at 4:30pm. Adjourned at 6:45pm.