

# Open Space Committee

Saturday, April 25, 2026

## MINUTES

- I. **Attendance and Approval of March 16, 2026 minutes:** Meeting called to order at 9:30am. Present were Lucy Abisalih, Mary Ann Glennon, Lynette Provencal, Sue Simmons, Nicole Boutiette, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and seconded by Lucy and Sue to approve March 16, 2026 minutes and approved by all.
- II. **Trail Maintenance Activities:** Sandy reported that there are two trees down on the Red Oak Trail off Battis Road. One can be easily cut up, but one is over hanging the trail, caught in the trees above. Motion and seconded by Lucy and Sue to authorized Sandy to contact Mayer Tree Service, if necessary, and spent up to \$600 for removal.
- III. **Coordination with other groups:**
  - Old Home Days will be Sat., Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Plans will be made for a booth.
- IV. **Activity for Open Space and Recreation Plan:** Lucy reported that the April 15<sup>th</sup> public forum was well attended with people being very actively engaged. Sue will follow-up with interest party who missed the forum with link to survey.
- V. **FY'26 budget line item and Trail Improvement Article:** No report.
- VI. **Correspondence:**
  - Lucy reported receiving email with interest in applying for \$250,000 grant for accessible playground
  - Sweetsir School teacher shared student posters on animals in the Town Forest. Some have been posted at kiosk to the trails. It was suggested they all could be posted along the walk into the Red Oak Trail by Winter St. or at Carey Park for coquet Sundays.
  - Sandy reported she was contacted about a potential buyer's plans to develop the Waterhouse Property on E. Main St. The buyer is willing to set aside a substantial portion to be retained as open space. It was decided the next step should be to contact Denise McClure, Town Planning Consultant, to inquire about development options and potential.
- VII. Next meeting will 4pm on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion to adjourn at 10 am.