

Open Space Committee

Monday, March 16, 2026

MINUTES

I. Attendance and Approval of January 13, 2026 minutes: Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.

Present were Lucy Abisalih, Mary Ann Glennon, Dawn Ackerman, Lynette Provencal, Sue Simmons, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and seconded by Dawn and Sue to approve January 13, 2026 minutes and voted by all.

II. Trail Maintenance Activities: Granite bench has been installed at Red Oak Trail entrance to Town Forest on Winter Street.

III. Event planning for 150th

- o Normal publicity plans for Sat., April 25th 10am Spring Blooms and Birds trail walk at Beaver Pond Reservation and Town Forest on Battis Road.
- o Email sign up for coverage for Sundays in Carey Park. At next meeting will plan for Old Home Days.

IV. Coordination with other groups: Lucy and Sue attended meeting of Town Governance Committee where renewal of the Parks and Rec Committee was discussed and its liaison to OSC and Con Com.

V. Activity for Open Space and Recreation Plan: Lucy reported that the first meeting of the Advisory Committee was March 16th with the consultant to review past goals. The public forum will be scheduled for the week of April 13th at the Library.

VI. FY'26 budget line item and Trail Improvement Article: Dawn reported there is about \$400 left in the line item with \$87 still to go to email expense. Expense line will be \$567 for FY 27 due to 10% across accounts cuts.

VII. Correspondence: Nicole Contiette expressed an interest in being appointed to OSC. Motion and seconded by Lucy and Dawn to recommend her appointment to the Select Board with all supporting.

VIII. Next meeting will be at 9:30am on Saturday, April 25th prior to the beginning of the trail walk at the Beaver Pond Reservation on Battis Road.

Sandra Venner, April 16, 2026