

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

MINUTES

SAVING OUR OPEN SPACE

- I. **Attendance and Approval of April 25, 2026 minutes:** Meeting called to order at 4pm. Present were Mary Ann Glennon, Lynette Provencal, Sue Simmons, Dawn Ackerman, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and seconded by Lynette and Sue to approve April 25, 2026 minutes and approved by all.
- II. **Trail Maintenance Activities:** Sandy reported that the two trees down on the Red Oak Trail off Battis Road have been removed. Dawn noted there are two trees across the McLaren Trail, one is easy to cut up but one is caught over the trail. Motion and seconded by Mary and Sue to authorize Sandy to contact Mayer Tree Service, if necessary, and spent up to \$700 for removal. It was agreed that the tree wrap put on a tree by the bench on the Cobblers Brook Trail should be removed as non-native and possibly damaging.
- III. **Coordination with other groups:**
 - Dawn will register OSC for a booth at Old Home Days on Sat., Aug 8th.
 - Sue will get more information as to what the 150th Committee is planning for event on Oct. 17th and if the station needs to be covered from 9-3.
- IV. **Activity for Open Space and Recreation Plan:** Mary reported that the consultant has completed the draft of the OSRP. It will be reviewed by the Advisory Committee and any interested members of OSC. Dawn led students at the Donaghue School in a discussion about plans for open space and recreation.
- V. **FY'26 budget line item and Trail Improvement Article:** Motion to authorize Sue to expend up to \$100 for kid nature kits for OHDs made and seconded by Sandy and Dawn and voted. Motion by Sue and Mary to authorize up to \$175 for printing more trail maps and voted.
- VI. **Correspondence:** Sandy reported she discussed the plans to develop the Waterhouse Property on E. Main St. with Denise McClure, Town Planning Consultant, who said there is no viable plan currently, but will let OSC know if something is ready to be presented to the Planning Board.
- VII. Next meeting will 5pm on Tuesday, June 16th . Motion to adjourn at 5:15pm.

Sandra Venner, June 9, 2026