

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 2021

MINUTES

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- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Carrie Rennie, Chair, Sue Simmon, Lucy Abisilah, and Sandy Venner. Dawn Ackerman absent. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes August 31, 2021 meeting.
- II. Final Review of MVPC Mapping of Conservation Land and Public Trails – Sue will report final details to MVPC. OSC would like three maps about 11"x14" size of the open space map with trails. Sue will inquire about trail maps suitable for the map boxes. She will also ask if someone at MVPC could assist with grants to preserve Sargent land formerly in 61A.
- III. Plan Bi-annual meeting to be hosted by OSC – Lucy reported that the Board of Selectmen were supportive of the proposed meeting to assess the status of items in the OS Plan. She will send emails to individual committees and boards requesting their status updates. OSC will review its OS Plan items at the next meeting.
- IV. Report on activity of Strategic Planning Group – Lucy reported on the process and input provided. One of the recommendations is to engage part-time professional Town Planner services that might benefit OS objectives.
- V. Oct. 16th Trail Walk and Nov. 13th Fall clean-up – Sue and Dawn will publicize these events through the schools and social media. Direct notification will be given to interested volunteers and the Merrimac Garden Club members. Plans were made for set-up at the Battis Road entrance to the Red Oak Hill Trail for the walk.
- VI. FY '22 Budget ideas – Item tabled until next meeting.
- VII. Ideas for Future Grants with Merrimack Conservation Partnership – Suggested projects were the better crossings for wet areas on Marshview Trail and better universal accessibility for the McLaren Trail.
- VIII. Correspondence
 - Certificate for Retired Member – BOS had written a letter of thanks for years of service.
 - UNH Student rock research – Will ask student to use the Project Form.
- IX. Schedule next meeting and adjourn Next meeting will be Nov. 23rd at 4pm.

Sandra Venner

November 18, 2021

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

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'21 OCT 4 PM 1:33

- Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Carrie Rennie, Chair, Sue Simmon, Dawn Ackerman, Lucy Abisilah, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes for July 27, 2021 meeting. Carrie announced that she had been contacted by Mel Briggie that he will need to resign from the Committee. Motion made, seconded and approved to ask the Board of Selectmen to issue a Certificate of Appreciation for Mel.
- II. Debrief of August 7th, OHDs Activity: Most visitors to the OSC booth came after the parade, overall attendance was light in the afternoon as the weather was dry, but hot. Sue will follow up with two individuals who are interested in working with OSC.
- III. Update on MVPC Mapping of Conservation Land and Public Trails: Sue recorded the comments on the latest version of the maps from Mikayla at MVPC. Lucy will check the Assessors records to determine what parcels on the Sargent Farm are in APR. Individual trail maps for the Town Forest and McLaren Trails will wait until a future project.
- IV. Discuss Bi-Annual meeting to be hosted by OSC: Decide to arrange the meeting referenced in the OS Plan for January or February. Lucy will reach out to the Chair of the BOS to seek input. In addition to BOS, heads of DPW, Con Com, and Planning Board will be invited.
- V. Updates on Trail status and other activities: Plan for morning of Sat., October 16th as Trail walk and/or Fall clean-up. Lucy suggested we get a future grant to address drainage and smoothing the McLaren Trail.
- VI. Report on Strategic planning Group: Lucy is representing the OSC and Sandy is representing the Planning Board on this group. The primary participants are Town employees. There has been some discussion of creating a professional Planner position that could assist the OSC among other duties. The Lake Attitash Asso. Representative expressed interest in seeking passage of the CPA, but this committee believes this would not be successful.
- VII. Ideas for FY'22 Budget and Future Grant Prospects: Postponed until next meeting.
- VIII. Next meeting will be Wed., October 6, 2021 at 4pm.

Sandra Venner

October 4, 2021