

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

MINUTES

- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisalih, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of November 23, 2021 meeting.
- II. Update On Path at Cobbler's Brook Greenway – Due to the complex requirements and extensive paperwork that the Sands family were told were necessary to improve the path along the Greenway, they have withdrawn their application to the Con Com. Sue has invited them to participate in future activities of the Open Space Committee.
- III. Mass Trails Grant for Restoration of McLaren Trail – The Board of Selectmen voted to support efforts of OSC and the Disabilities Comm. to access grant funds to make the McLaren Trail more accessible. Lucy has reached out to Amanda Lewis at DCR to discuss how we would like to proceed and learn if it is something likely to receive funding from Mass Trails Grant.
- IV. MVPC Open Space and Trails Map – Sue will check options for luminating one large and two small maps.
- V. Review of Status of Recommendations in OS Plan – Lucy reported that responses have been received from OSC, PB, Con Com, and Assessors. We are waiting to receive responses from Historical Comm., BOS, and DPW. Lucy will call Bob Sinibaldi to get the latter.
- VI. Request of Letter of Support for Town Planning Consultant – Sandy explained that the Planning Board is requesting to have \$16,800 added to the budget in FY'23 to purchase these services. She shared the job description outlining the proposed role of this position. Motion by Lucy and seconded by Sue and all in favor of supporting this request.
- VII. FY '23 Budget Request – Motion by Sandy and seconded by Lucy with all supporting to request that \$3,000 be added to the Open Space Committee budget to fund tree removal necessary to maintain public safety of the trails. Sue will complete the form and submit to Fin Com.
- VIII. Correspondence – Motion made and seconded and approved for Sue and Tim Simmons to draft a letter to PRSD supporting use of native plants as requested by WN group. Sue will respond to inquiry about establishing a community garden and arrange site walk at plot of land by McLaren Trail access on Church St.
- IX. Next meeting will be Jan. 25th at 4pm.

Sandra Venner

January 20, 2021