

# Open Space Committee

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

## MINUTES

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- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Sue Simmons, Lucy Abisalih, Dawn Ackerman, Carrie Rennie and Sandy Venner. Guest were Brian Mulvamy, Jennifer Mansfield and Mary Glennon. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of January 25, 2022 meeting.
- II. Summary and Next Steps for Recommendations in Open Space Plan – Lucy lead the committee in developing next steps for incomplete goals in which OSC has a role. The Committee prioritized primary goals for action as follows:
  - Develop plan to better utilize Carriagetown Park.
  - Secure permanent preservation for Town Forest property.
  - Inform public of access to Merrimack River by Locust Street and get approval of BOS for canoe and kayak launch at the site.
- III. Plans for Community Garden – Lucy will let Chris Manni, Selectman, know of the committee's wish to explore development of community gardens in Carriagetown Park along with other activity. She will ask Bob Sinibaldi if he knows who did the well tests there and if the reportedly unfavorable results are available as water may be adequate for garden use.
- IV. Trail Status and Updates – Brian volunteered to cut through the trees blocking the Cobblers Brook Trail in the Town Forest. Sue will report if Tim would like to lead another family walk this Spring at the next meeting.
- V. FY'22 Proposed Expenditures and FY '23 Budget Request – Dawn reported that \$425 has been expended out of the \$630 in the FY'22 budget. The Finance Committee is recommending an article on the warrant for April 25<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting for \$3,000 for the OSC for tree removal.
- VI. Correspondence – New email from Heather Burkett re: The Flats affordable housing project.
- VII. Appointment Recommendation to BOS – Brian, Jennifer and Mary Ann all requested to be appointed to the OSC. Lucy made motion, seconded by Sue and all supported recommendation to BOS that all three be appointed. Sandy will inform the BOS.
- VIII. Next meeting will be Wed., March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at Town Hall. Adjourned at 5:45pm.

Sandra Venner  
March 25, 2022