

Open Space Committee

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

MINUTES

- I. Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Present were Lucy Abisalih, Dawn Ackerman, Mary Glennon, Brian Mulvany, Carrie Rennie, Sue Simmon, and Sandy Venner. Motion made, seconded and voted to approve March 1, 2022 minutes.
- II. Progress and Next Steps for Recommendations in Open Space Plan
- a. Plan for Carriagetown Park: Lucy will attend next Disabilities Commission meeting to discuss potential use of this and other handicap friendly spaces.
 - b. Preservation of Town Forest: Review of deeds needed to check reference to reasons to acquire partials. Sue will speak with Vanessa at Greenbelt about CR.
 - c. Merrimack River access by Locust St.: Sandy will speak to Chief Larry Fisher about support for kayak and canoe access and signage stating that. This should happen prior to a discussion with the BOS.
- III. Next Step on Plans for Community Gardens: Jennifer was not present to give an update. Lucy will try to locate results of prior well testing and see if Disabilities Commission would assist with seeking funding.
- IV. Trails Activities:
- a. Spring trail walk: Decision to schedule for Saturday morning in May, with Sunday rain-date, at McLaren and Marshview Trails with focus on pond life and birding.
 - b. Improved access for McLaren Trail: See about asking civil engineer about suitability of grade at Church St. access and improvement of section between Harriman and Brush Hill.
- V. FY' 22 Expenditures and proposed purchases: – Dawn reported that \$425 remains for expenses. Brian suggested townwide mailing of postcards with trail maps and photos. He will check into costs. Brian suggested the committee have a booth at the Kimball Farm Fair on June 25 & 26.
- VI. Correspondence: New inquiry regarding appointment to the committee triggered discussion on need to have bylaw that caps number of members with roles for other interested parties. Sandy will research and draft potential General Bylaw language.
- VII. Next meeting to be April 26th at 4pm. Adjourned at 6:00pm.

Sandra Venner

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