

# Open Space Committee

Thursday, July 18, 2019

## Minutes

**Call to Order and Approval of June 27, 2019 minutes:** Present were Carrie Rennie, Chair, Mel Briggie, Heather Burkett, Kathy Milstein, Tracy Saitow-Cronin, Sue Simmons, and Sandy Venner. Motion made and voted to approve minutes of June 27, 2019 meeting.

**Availability of Open Space and Recreation Plan 2016-2023:** Need to pursue posting on Town website. The color copies of plan that Lucy had printed were distributed to OS members. Committee agreed to authorize Heather to get enlarged copies of two OS maps laminated.

### **Status of projects:**

**Install sign at Carey Park:** Mel arranged for DPW to put on post. Carrie and Mel will install on Sat.

**Plan for Old Home Days booth:** Kathy has tent and others will help with set up and coverage throughout the day. Sandy sought comments on prior survey questionnaire and will revise for use. Other materials will include trail maps, OS posters, Greenbelt info, children's activities and raffle for nature backpack.

**Health Fair at the Senior Center:**— Kathy is coordinating with Senior Center but cannot be present on Tues., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Carrie, Mel and Sandy will cover the table from 9am until Noon. Committee decided to wait until after this event to determine what else can do with Senior Center.

**Place sign at retention ponds at Birchmeadow Estates and other locations:** Sandy reported that Con Com recommend the signs read: "No Dumping – Retention Ponds prevent flooding & improve water quality". Suggested locations for signs are developments at Birchmeadow Estates, Poplar Hill, and Abbey Rd. Mel will check if DPW will provide posts and what can be used for signs.

**Eagle Scout and Boy Scout Projects:** Work on project at Cobblers Brook Greenway began on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Susan will check with Marilyn Judkin if the scouts still plan to do trail maintenance work in the Fall.

**Greenbelt Land Grant Application:** Sandy reported the owners of 21-25 Battis Rd. have accepted Greenbelt's offer and language is being drafted for warrant article on the STM on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> as required for receipt of the Land Grant. The committee needs to work on getting word out about this.

**Next meeting date and adjournment:** The next meeting date will be Thurs., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.