

# Open Space Committee

Thurs., August 31, 2017

## MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Sandra Venner called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Present were David Collins and Elizabeth Pell. Carrie Rennie and Mel Briggles arrived about 6:15pm. Minutes for July 6, 2017 and August 17, 2017 were approved.
- II. **Status of Open Space and Recreation Plan Revisions:** Sandy will do a proof read after Carrie makes the revisions. There was agreement that the priorities noted in the action plan continue to reflect what is most needed.
- III. **Access to Merrimac River:** The committee will continue to monitor the status of the former Wallace boat yard although there now may be a private buyer. It was suggested that we ask the Selectmen to make it clear that there is parking available at the bottom of Locust Street to be used for activities at Carey Park, but limit it to those with Town stickers.
- IV. **Access and Blazing of Existing Trails:** Dave has reviewed guidelines for blaze markings to distinguish the trails in the Town Forest and Perkins Conservation area. He will create a plan and assess what supplies are needed. The committee will walk and clear what is necessary for the Innis and Marshview trails on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- V. **Recommendation for Appointments:** Committee appointments for Elizabeth and Dave are on the agenda for the Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Selectmen meeting.
- VI. **Adjournment and Scheduling:** The committee will next meet on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at the entrance to the Innis Trail to do trail work. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Sandra Venner

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