Open Space Committee

Saturday, October 24, 2026
MINUTES

I. **Attendance and Approval of June 16, 2026 and September 22, 2026 minutes:** Meeting called to order at 9am. Present were Lucy Abisalih, Mary Ann Glennon, Lynette ProvencaL, Sue Simmons, and Sandy Venner. Minutes for June 16th and September 22nd meeting could not be approved as quorum attending the meetings was not present.

II. **Update Status of Open Space and Recreation Plan:** Lucy reported the Plan had been approved by the state after a statement on environmental justice was added. At the next meeting, OSC will begin to discuss the action items. Hard copies are available at the library and a link to electronic copy will be on OSC web page.

III. **Coordination with Other Groups**

- 150th Stations Event generated a lot of interest in the work of the OSC with several people signing up to volunteer. Sue followed up with them.
- It was decided that painting of planter at Winter Street would need to wait until Spring for warmer weather.

IV. **Trail Work Day projects:** Projects identified include: 1) clearing upper end of Innis Trail; 2) refreshing markings on Town Forest trails and replacing some signs and map box; and 3) installing bench on Marshview Trail at the McLaren Trail end. (With a total of ten committee members and volunteers, it was possible to accomplish all the projects.)

V. **FY '27 budget line item and Trail Improvement Article:** The next meeting will address trail signs needing to be replaced.

VI. **Correspondence:** Lucy responded to a complaint concerning volunteer clearing activity on the McLaren Trail. It was decided to discuss related policy guidelines at the next meeting.

Gwen Lay Sabbagh conveyed her interest to have the Town vote on acceptance of the Community Preservation Act at the Spring Town Meeting and Election. The OCS will discuss this at a future meeting.

VII. **Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be Thursday, November 19th at 5pm. Adjourned at 10am to begin trail work day activities.

Sandra Venner, November 11, 2026