Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee 2-9-22 7-8:15 pm.

Members: Paula Devereaux (chair), Nancy Cantelmo (recorder) Ellen Antrim, Rebecca Durgin,

Guests: Cora Long, Trish Aldrich.

Motion to approve minutes of January 26 meeting made by Ellen, seconded by Rebecca. Motion was approved by Ellen, Nancy, Paula and Rebecca.

The Commiittee and guests went through Sections 8 and 9 of plan, which will be forwarded to Courtney Lewis, the MAPC consultant. Our next meeting with him will take place on February 17. One purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the next public forum. Prior to the meeting, Paula will ask him some of our questions about the OSRP. A discussion took place about the meeting format. We all wish for an in person public forum, but want to add the ZOOM component, for those who cannot attend the public meeting. As this would have to take place in the main room of Town Hall, we will pursue to ability to have a hybrid meeting there.

Nancy discussed some of the grant proposals made to the Community Preservation Committee, which pertain to the OSRP Committee. Those grants concerned continued conservation work on Baileys Hill. Lodge Park and Heritage Trail near Johnson School and the Nahant Playgrounds upgrading.

A proposal had come up regarding memorial tree planting in Nahant, to replace the memorial benches , which have become too numerous. Plantings had been suggested by the CPC for the Steeves Family. Nancy urged the group to support a Tree Plan for Nahant, to better choose trees and locations in our town.

Nancy mentioned the February, 2022 MA Open Space Network Conference, held in 4 week Zoom sessions. She found the first session on Ecological Setting of Your Community to be helpful and recommended these sessions to the group. They were recorded and can be found on the MA Open Space Network website. She also mentioned a conference she attended, at the recommendation of Mark Patek, on January 12,2022, about conservation restrictions, presented by the MA Association of Conservation Commissions. Many OSRP committees are actively involved with implementing their plan after it is approved by the state. As we will be discussing the future role of the OSRP Committee after our Plan is submitted, Paula discussed how we would proceed with the town to expand our purpose in between plans. She will contact the Open Space director in the DCR for guidance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen and seconded by Nancy. The motion was approved by Ellen, Nancy, Paula and Rebecca.

Next meeting February 17, 2022 aet 7 PM with Courtney Lewis, from the MAPC joining us.

Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk’s office as approved by the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee on February 17, 2022. ***Received by Town Clerk on 2/18/2022***