

Open Space and Recreation Plan Meeting    December 6, 2022    7 to 8:30 pm.

Members Present: Paula Devereaux, Chair, Nancy Cantelmo, Recorder, Ellen Antrim, Trish Aldrich, Rebecca Pillsbury Durgin

Attendees: Tony Barletta, Mark Cullinan, Josh Antrim, Zach Taylor, Lynne Spencer, Vi Patek, Elizabeth Berman, Sharon Hawks, Steve Bulpett. John and Barbara Mackey, James and Leslie Smith Rosen.

In a public program held at Town Hall, William Giezentanner, of Mass Audubon's Ecological Extension Service presented the draft report for a **Restoration and Management Plan for Lodge Park**. This work was funded by a CPA grant. The plan will be available on the Town of Nahant website.

Summary of presentation:

Description of Mass Audubon, acknowledgment of land history and previous native inhabitants, history of East Point, description of its various ecological zones

**Goals** 1. Open space stewardship of wildlife, 2. Enhancing of visitor experience

**Priorities** of safety, preservation of natural resources with control of invasives and native plantings, cultural resources and passive recreation, improved signage.

He described management of grassland, strategy for working in small areas, wildlife enhancement, sustainable trails, signs for safety, wayfinding and information.

He presented his management plan with timetables and costs, both one time and ongoing.

After the presentation, there was time for questions and discussion. The plan was favorably received by the members of the audience and town officials. Bill's advice at the conclusion of the program was for us to focus on specific projects and areas to work on and request a more defined plan to achieve these objectives.

Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, after approval at the January 17, 2023 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee.