

Nahant Open Space and Recreation Committee January 17, 2023 7-8:15 pm via Zoom

Present: Committee members: Paula Devereaux Chair, Nancy Cantelmo Recorder, Ellen Antrim, Trish Aldrich, Rebecca Pillsbury Durgin. Guest Kathleen Marden

Minutes of December 6, 2022 meeting were reviewed .This was a public forum sponsored by the OSRC, featuring a presentation of the Lodge Park Management and Restoration Plan by Bill Giezentanner. Trish suggested that we include favorable reception of the report by attendees and town officials. Motion to accept the minutes with the suggested addition was made by Ellen and seconded by Rebecca. All members voted to accept the minutes. Nancy will forward to Town Clerk for posting on website.

The Nahant Open Space and Recreation Plan 2022-2029 has been accepted by the Board of Selectman and is available on the town website on the OSR Committee page and at the Nahant Public Library.

Nancy gave a summary of the Community Preservation Committee grant applications sponsored by the Open Space and Recreation Committee for due on January 27. These proposals are based on previous proposals in which the committee was involved. The Bailey's Hill proposal is for the 2023 purchase and installation of native plantings and invasive plant treatment in the Fort Ruckman area. This portion of Bailey's Hill has been the site of clearing of invasive and aging plants and trees and earthwork by the DPR, based on the 2021 CPC grant, written by Ellen Antrim.

The Lodge Park grant proposal requests funding for 2 signs for way finding and 4 signs for cultural, historical and ecological information about LP. Also included are redesign of dangerous fall line trails, with planting of native plants included in their reconstruction. This proposal was based on some of the recommendations of the Lodge Park Management and Restoration Plan, as mentioned above, including safety, signage and native plant restoration. These two CPC grant proposals were written by Trish Aldrich and Nancy Cantelmo with Vi Patek, of Nahant S.W.I.M. Inc which contributed to the funding for the Lodge Park request. Although the proposals were not yet in their final form, the Committee members unanimously voted to support them with a motion by Ellen Antrim, seconded by Trish Aldrich.

Paula reported on two land encroachments on town owned property in Nahant which have come to the attention of our committee. The first property was the 5 unit Short Term rental property owned by Viviano, at the intersection of Flash Road and Spring Road. The second is at 2 Summer Street, owned by Olmstead, who has extended across the street onto Marjoram Park. Paula has discussed these issues with the Town Manager and will inform our representative to the Town Owned Land Committee for further action.

Paula presented to the committee the draft of her bylaw proposal for the future of the Open Space Committee now that the Open Space and Recreation Plan has been written and approved. She has been reviewing the other towns to determine how their committees functioned, and presented a plan based on past discussions of the OSR Committee that she

feels is most representative of the needs of Nahant. The committee felt that increasing the number to 7 members would increase our ability to propose and work on projects in the future. The OSR Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposal, in a motion put forth by Nancy and seconded by Ellen. Paula will send this to the town for inclusion in the Town Warrant to be voted upon at the May 20th Town Meeting.

A draft of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee 2022 Annual Report for the town, was presented by Paula and was approved by the committee.

The organization of the OSR Committee has changed as Paula wishes to step down as Chair due to work constraints. Trish Aldrich expressed her willingness to fill that position, if approved by the committee, as discussed at our last meeting. A motion was put forth by Ellen, seconded by Nancy, and voted unanimously in favor. Trish will speak with Diane Dunfee, Town Clerk, to be oriented to working procedures. Committee members thanked Paula, who will remain a member of the OSR Committee, for her leadership and hard work, and congratulated Trish on her new role.

Paula provided information to the committee about the upcoming virtual Mass Open Space Conference to be presented on the first four Thursdays in February.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of the committee, with a motion by Ellen which was seconded by Rebecca. The next meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee will take place on February 22, 2023.

Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk's Office as approved by the Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting on February 22, 2023.