

Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting April 18, 2023 7 – 7:50 PM

Present: Trish Aldrich- chair, Nancy Cantelmo- clerk, Paula Devereaux, Rebecca Pillsbury Durgin

Minutes of 2-22-23 Motion to approve made by Paula, seconded by Rebecca, voted unanimously by the committee.

CPC Proposals regarding Open Space

Review and Discussion of two CPC grant proposals involving Baileys Hill and Lodge Park. The CPC will write supporting document for each proposal and suggest adjustments to the amount requested. The Advisory and Finance Committee makes a recommendation on each proposal and presents them at the Town Meeting for a vote. The CPC representative (Nancy) and members of the Open Space Committee will be available for clarification.

The Town of Nahant has submitted a CPC proposal to plant new trees in Kelly Greens and to reconstruct a bridge over the waterway there. A detailed study of the hydrology of that area had been requested by the town and recently completed.

Baileys Hill

Discussion of recent work done by DPW including hardscaping, retaining walls, and slope stabilization with native grass plantings. A planting plan has been requested from Parterre Ecological Consultants, with funds from the Phase One FY 2021 Baileys Hill East Slope of Fort Ruckman grant. It is anticipated that the purchase of plant material and the planting of that area will begin in the fall if CPC grant approved. Assistance with invasive species removal by outside consultant who has permits to use chemicals is also sought in the Phase Two CPC grant proposal.

Trish asked how we move ahead with implementation of projects that are approved at Town Meeting. The Committee suggested that we schedule a meeting with Zach Taylor, DPW Supervisor, to outline what steps we need to take to move our projects forward.

Nancy will also talk with Zach Taylor and Austin Antrim about the possibility of a controlled burn at Baileys Hill, as has occurred in the past.

Town owned Land

No update on further action. There is a CPC grant proposal to look at rights of way in Big Nahant.

ByLaw Proposal

Discussion of proposal to increase the committee from 5 to 7 members. If approved by Town Meeting, it must then be approved by Attorney General before implementation. We should consider who might be possible new members of Open Space Committee.

New Business

Consideration of new grants, especially from DCR is needed. (May 4th meeting in Westboro and May 9th virtual program on Environmental Justice) The committee needs to know about grants

we can apply for and those which the town has submitted, such as possible new grant for 40 Steps.

A goal for after town meeting is to keep channels of communication open with town officials about what grants and projects would be recommended. While there are many projects we might like to initiate, we need to make sure we have the resources, such as DPW time to accomplish these goals. For example, there are currently 3 projects at Baileys Hill, the East Slope of Fort Ruckman, the south hill project of the town to remove invasives, and another DPW project on Trimountain Road.

Tudor Beach Ramp Selectman have voted for town easement for access to Tudor Beach using ramp. Trish Aldrich recused herself from participating in this matter and left this meeting for this part of discussion.

Motion to adjourn made by Paula, seconded by Rebecca, approved with unanimous vote.

Next meeting

Tues May 30th, 2023, 7 PM to be posted on Nahant Community Calendar

Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk's Office as approved at the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee on 5/30/ 2023.