

Nahant Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting    February 22, 2023    7:02- 7:45   pm

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

Guests: Kathleen Marden

Minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup> OSRC reviewed. Paula made a motion to accept, Ellen seconded unanimous approval was given by the members. Nancy will forward to Town Clerk.

Update on CPC grant proposals was discussed by Nancy and Trish. Our two proposals look favorable as there are fewer grants this year, and they were well received. Due to the amounts requested, the procurement will need to be submitted to additional bidders. It was also suggested that we add 20% to the costs presented, which is standard practice, to assure that we have enough money to carry out the projects.

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Paula asked if there were any other CPC proposals concerning Open Space. Nancy outlined Kelly Green proposal by town to replant trees and to rebuild bridge. She suggested to the CPC that the town arborist be involved in tree size and species in this wet area. Tony Barletta, Town Administrator informed the CPC that a town funded study had been done of the golf course with water pathways and endangered species. The CPC asked that that be made available to the public.

Bailey's Hill native planting plan can be funded from FY 2021 CPC Bailey's Hill grant written by Ellen. A deposit check of \$2500 (50%) sent to Parterre Ecological, and planting plan for fall should be under way. It is the upcoming FY 2024 grant that would involve paying for the native plant installation and further invasive species removal.

Paula asked if controlled burn on BH might be useful. She was concerned about area behind Sears Pavilion and mentioned that this is a technique used in areas of Elizabeth Islands to control invasive species. Historically this has been done to control overgrowth at Bailey's Hill.

Paula discussed two parcels of Town Owned Land mentioned at our last meeting (near Mitchells Corner and near Marjoram Park) with Dan Taylor on the town Owned Land Committee. He understood our concerns and will bring up the two properties discussed at their next meeting. They do not meet regularly, only as needed. Nancy mentioned that another CPC grant proposal this year requested a study in Big Nahant on rights of way, and encroachment, as had been studied previously in Little Nahant.

Paula reported that the proposal that the OSC become an ongoing committee to carry out the OSR Plan proposals would be included in the Town Warrant for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting. Dan Scripps is advising on the proper language for our proposal. We would all welcome this clarification as well as more members to carry out our work.

Our committee should investigate other grant opportunities. Ellen mentioned PARC grants, and other state grants, that we might apply to use for smaller projects.

Next meeting: April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Motion to adjourn made by Ellen and seconded by Rebecca. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk's Office as approved by the Open Space and Recreation Committee on April 18, 2023.