

## Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting

May 30, 2023 7:05-7:57 PM

Present: Trish Aldrich (Chair), Nancy Cantelmo (Clerk), Ellen Antrim, Paula Devereaux, Rebecca Pillsbury Durgin

**Minutes of 4-18-23** Motion to approve made by Paula, seconded by Trish. Voted unanimously by the committee. Nancy will send approved minutes to Diane Dunfee, Town Clerk, for posting on website.

**Town Meeting Lodge Park-** We are pleased that both of our CPC proposals passed. The Lodge Park proposal has two parts- signage and improvement of trails. We need information about need for other bids. Trish will request meeting w Town Administrator/DPW for information and planning.

We can proceed with development of signs. Topics might include history, ecological restoration and geography. To have a posted open meeting with as many people as possible, preferably in person would be most advantageous . Trish will facilitate this.

**Town Meeting Baileys Hill** – Paula and Nancy spoke at Town Meeting in support of proposal. Meeting as above with Town Administrator and DPW to understand need for further bids and planning for future work, with our CPA money.

Parterre has completed a plan for planting and invasive control, which is 22 pages. Paula has requested that Trish share the written plan with all Committee members.

Cost of plan: \$5,945 Deposit paid from prior CPC grant: \$1228. Now we have \$4716 bill, but no money left in grant. Nancy will discuss possible contribution from SWIM.

Plan: Whatever balance is needed to pay for the Planting Plan we will request from new CPC grant on July 1<sup>st</sup>, when funds are available. Parterre has offered to present the plan to us and hopefully Town Administrator and DPW.

**OSRC members** The proposed Bylaw written by Paula to increase the size of our committee from 5 members to 7 members was passed at Town Meeting. Prior to implementation, the Attorney General needs to approve, as with all Bylaws changes. We will all consider possible members and invite them to attend our meetings. We should aim for a more diverse group.

New Business:

**Future Meetings.** Should we hold by Zoom or in person? We all like the flexibility of Zoom and will meet that way.

**Rights of Way** Previous meetings discussed infringement of Rights of Way in Nahant. A new CPC grant was voted in to fund a study of Rights of Way in Big Nahant, as had been done previously in Little Nahant. A question was raised about how these possible new infringements, as well as others identified, will be enforced. Paula will reach out to planning board.

**Playgrounds** The Town Administrator would like to meet with the Committee to discuss subject of Flash Road Playground and the lack of use of the Babe Ruth field. Short Beach playground improvement has been moved forward with meetings with neighbors and is awaiting equipment delivery and installation.

**Future grants** We are on the alert for grant opportunities to which we might apply for open space improvement.

**Adjournment** Motion was made by Ellen and seconded by Nancy, passed with unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk's Office as approved at the Open Space and Recreation Committee meeting on June 20, 2023.