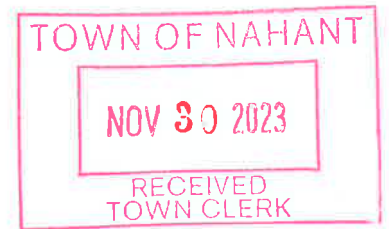


Open Space and Recreation Committee

October 17, 2023

Nahant Town Hall, in person



Present: Trish Aldrich chair, Nancy Cantelmo recorder, Ellen Antrim, Rebecca Durgin, Kellie Neville Absent: Paula Devereaux

Meeting opened at 7:05PM by Trish.

NEW BUSINESS:

New member Kellie Neville welcomed to the committee. She has been sworn in by Town Clerk, but still has Open Meeting Training to complete.

Minutes of September 18, 2023 meeting had been previously distributed. Motion to accept made by Ellen, seconded by Nancy. They voted to accept, as Ellen, Nancy and Paula were the members present. Nancy will send to Town Clerk for inclusion on website.

Bailey's Hill/Fort Ruckman plants installed on September 25, 2023 by Parterre, consisting of 76 shrubs and 1 tree. Being watered by DPW, with supplementation by OSRC members. We are concerned with degree on rabbit destruction and propose an enclosure on grouping of plants. Trish will call Parterre to learn their thoughts on subject, and also when future planting and invasive work will take place.

Lodge Park signage. Two signs proposed by Ellen on history, and one on natural history are generally approved by group, pending pictures in correct format. Trish presented another proposal for wayfinding signs, as suggested by last meeting. The group agreed that adding back a few enticing facts, e.g. mention of Important Bird Area (IBA), would be good. We would like to include a map such as that done by Robert Wilson of entire Heritage Trail. We will contact Robert, in addition to Ellen speaking with Peg Curran, who has done some interesting logos for Nahant groups (Nahant Cultural Council and SWIM). Rebecca and Paula have not yet come up with a horizon or vista map, including major sites seen from Lodge Park. We agreed that some should have text, to give more details, e.g. Egg Rock, Graves and Boston Lights and harbor islands. Our goal is to submit these signs in the spring for production, to work with Panier Signs.

Meeting with Town Administrator, Tony Barletta, and DPW Head, Zach Taylor, will take place on Wednesday, October 25th at 3 pm. This is not ideal, as a number of us cannot attend at that time, but it was selected by Tony. Topics for discussion are: Lodge Park plantings at this time, and rabbit enclosure, possibility of submitting a CPC grant for remainder of North section of Bailey's Hill complex, DPW plans for safe trail work at Lodge Park, as we have funding from last CPC, status of Memorial Tree planting, and possibility of fencing new playground area of Short Beach.

Discussion of status of **Heritage Trail improvement** near Johnson School with CPC funding.
Nancy will ask Kevin Andrews

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy has presented a proposal for a **Nahant Cultural Council grant** with sponsorship of the Nahant Historical Society, concerning waterfowl of Nahant. The proposal is to conduct a Zoom lecture on Thursday January 25th and a birding trip on Sunday January 28th, both to be led by Bill Gette, a birding expert. The deadline is tonight, October 17th. A motion was made by Rebecca, seconded by Ellen and approved unanimously by the group to support this grant proposal.

Proposed design for **Heritage Trail kiosk** approved by group. It will be printed by town, using previously designed map by Robert Wilson, who will provide high resolution copies of that and Heritage Trail logo. We have unused funds from a previous CPC grant for Heritage Trail. Nancy asked if we may also include a sign to be placed in the spring on the railing by the Life Saving Station regarding bird migration. A motion was made about kiosk and migration signs by Ellen and seconded by Nancy, with a unanimous vote by the group.

The OSRC has the possibility of adding **another member** for a total of 7. The group will consider who we could encourage to apply for that position.

Should the town and OSRC submit a **CPC grant** for a master plan for the remainder of the North Hill of Bailey Hill complex? This is a topic of discussion at upcoming meeting with town officials next week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 with a motion by Nancy, seconded by Ellen, and unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the November 21, 2023 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.