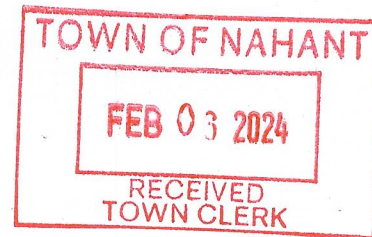


Open Space and Recreation Committee

January 9, 2024

Nahant Town Hall, hybrid in person/Zoom



In attendance: Trish Aldrich (chair), Nancy Cantelmo, Ellen Antrim, Kellie Neville, Paula Devereaux, Rebecca Durgin (recorder for meeting)

Meeting opened at 7:01 by Trish. Trish reviewed the agenda.

New Business

Trish acknowledged the passing of Mike Rauworth and John Benson and suggested the possibility of the Open Space Committee planting a tree to honor John Benson as a (former) long time open space member. The Committee is in favor of this idea. Tree planting through the town website in relation to the Tree Committee and **planting program to be pursued.**

Minutes of the November 21, 2023 meeting had been previously distributed. Motion to approve meeting notes made by Kellie, seconded by Paula, all committee members in favor to accept.

Nancy will send November minutes to the Town Clerk.

Bailey's Hill/Fort Ruckman

Trish is in the process of drafting the grant proposal for the January CPC deadline. Trish reviewed the outcomes of the site visit with Miles from Parterre Ecological, who has completed a proposed 4 part plan for the Fort Ruckman area including land management, removal of invasives, and native plantings. Proposal for work to be done over a 3 year period. Lynn Spencer recommends creating a sign to educate town members, similar to what was done for the recent work on the Fort Ruckman area. SWIM will be donating \$3000 toward the project. Thank you, SWIM. Committee members recommend that a map of the specific area to be worked on will be needed from Miles to add to his proposal. Discussion of possible ways to tackle the funding issue of a project this large based on the amount we would possibly be granted from CPC in a single year period. Committee agreed that the CPC grant should include the full amount for the 3 year project and then adjust the plan for Fort Ruckman as needed with Miles in his final proposal. Trish will reach out to Miles to alert him that we may need alternative plan options. Other bids will be needed due to the size of the project in the future. **Trish will continue to prepare the CPC grant proposal for the January 16, deadline.**

Tony Barletta briefly joined the meeting in person to discuss the upcoming CPC grants that will be proposed by the Town of Nahant including the Recreation Master Plan for Flash Road park (with Open Space Committee added as cosponsor) and the updates needed to the Heritage Trail at Goddard Drive (with Open Space Committee added as cosponsor). Open Space Committee/Trish will **add "Town of Nahant" to the Fort Ruckman restoration plan CPC grant proposal when submitting.**

Lodge Park Panels

Trish has had contact with Robert Wilson, who is willing to access his photos for signage. He is able to create a map of Lodge Park for a wayfinding panel. Images have been compiled into one source by Kellie. Lodge Park signage update for each sign is as follows: Information sign: text has been completed, Robert Wilson will make a map, photos have been identified. Historical sign: text is complete, photos have been identified. Coastal Defense sign: text is nearly ready with some edits needed, photos have been identified. Natural history sign: text is complete, photos have been identified. Scenic overlook sign: Rebecca will continue to work with designers to create digital image, text is all set with some minor edits needed. Specific date for information to be sent to Pannier for construction of signs is ongoing but we are aiming for late January.

Next step: Trish and Ellen or maybe Nancy will meet with Robert to review images. Rebecca will work with designer to create digital image for Scenic Overlook sign.

Heritage Trail Sign Update

Ellen provided an update for the Heritage Trail kiosk sign. The new sign has been completed and is at the Town Hall ready to be reinstalled. Funding came from remaining Heritage Trail funding. **Ellen will reach out to Zach Taylor**, who has plans for updating the kiosk to eliminate water leakage.

Other

Nancy provided an update on the upcoming lecture "Waterfowl of Nahant". Zoom lecture will be on 1/25/24 7-8:15PM. The walk will be held on the following Sunday 1-3:00 with a snowdate on following weekend if needed. Sign up is available on the Historical Society website and will be sent to SWIM. The Historical Society will also be hosting Susan Solomon, author of "Solvable", on Sunday February 18th 2-4:00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 with a motion by Paula, seconded by Nancy and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 6th at 7:00 hybrid.

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the February 6th meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.