

Open Space and Recreation Committee

February 6, 2024

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 7:07 by Trish. Trish reviewed the agenda.

New Business

Nancy has resigned as clerk for the OSRC. Rebecca has been nominated, Nancy makes a motion to vote Rebecca as clerk, Ellen seconded, unanimously approved by committee.

Discussion of vacancies for the open space on the committee. Committee will consider additional people who may be interested in attending to learn more information.

Applications for CPC Grants

The grant application for the phase three work at Bailey's Hill was submitted for the January deadline. Nancy and Trish will attend the upcoming CPC grant hearing on February 12, 2024. Grant is based on the three year proposal provided by Partier Ecological.

Nancy provided the committee with the outcomes of the **Winter Waterfowl of Nahant**, which included a lecture and two walks. The event was very well attended. The recorded lecture will be available on the Historical Society website for viewing.

Lodge Park

Text has been completed for all interpretive signs. Robert Wilson has the majority of the photos to support the text. Committee will need to go through Robert's file to choose final photos to send to Pannier Graphics. Kellie will be the point person for Pannier Graphics to follow up with the details to move forward with design and ordering signs. Members shared possible other sources for a graphic designer to create a map for the scenic overlook sign. Rebecca will request a full refund from Fiverr design source.

In continuation of the Management Plan for Lodge Park the committee agreed the next item to be addressed should be visitor safety. Ellen and Trish will reach out to Zach Taylor to follow up regarding a site visit and the DPW availability for continuing plans.

The **Open Space Committee Annual** report is due March 1st. Trish will be completing the report.

Conflict of Interest Law Training must be completed by all members by February 27.

Continuation of **tree planting program**. Committee discussed the planting of the tree in memory of John Benson and possible locations. Trish will email Tony to propose moving forward with necessary steps.

New Business

Paula attended MEEPA site visit today regarding residence on Spouting Horn Road. Concerns regarding erosion of Perimeter Path. Paula will be following up on completing the walk of the path to assess for erosion and safety.

CPC Grant Funding Meeting Updates

Nancy provided an update on the grants proposed by the Town related to open space and recreation. Flash Road Master Plan discussed at CPC meeting on February 5, 2024 including Heritage Trail updates. It was suggested that the Town consult with a professional to create a master plan for the entire area before moving forward. The Committee agreed that the OSRC cannot be the leader in following up to create a master plan for Flash Road at this time given the number of other projects currently being addressed.

Baileys Hill

Ellen brought up discussion of plantings at Baileys Hill and concerns regarding the lack of fencing on plantings. Trish and Ellen will follow up with Zach Taylor regarding fencing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 with a motion by Ellen, seconded by Paula and unanimously approved.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the March 5, 2024 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.