

Open Space Committee

June 3, 2025

Hybrid, Zoom, Town Hall

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

Motion to Approve Minutes

The minutes of the March 11, 2025 and the May 6, 2025 meetings unanimously approved by members in attendance after a motion by Paula, seconded by Trish seconded.

Old Business

Bailey's Hill

Trish provided an update regarding the approval of the proposed grant of \$38,000 for FY26 at April's town meeting. Parterre Ecological's estimate includes invasive plant management, the purchase and installation of plants including caging as needed). Trish, Wendy and Kellie attended a walk through last week with Parterre Ecological. This year's plan will include invasive treatment of Japanese knotweed and mustard garlic in the area near the Ocean View and on Trimountain Road. The area at the top of Fort Ruckman near the two sets of benches will be planted with wildflowers. Work has started this week using funds from FY2025 grant.

Trish has shared the memorial tree planting suggestions from Parterre Ecological with the DPW. Nancy has suggested that a set of photos or list of native trees be added to the town website. **Wendy will follow up with Town Hall to find out about adding the list to the town website.**

In the future the committee will consider adding a historical informational sign for Fort Ruckman to improve visitor knowledge.

Lodge Park

It was brought to the attention of the committee that one panel has an error in the date of the rock. Kellie has followed up with Pannier Graphics for options of signs to be edited. Pannier will be preparing a quote for fixing the error.

Last week's site visit with Parterre Ecological also included a visit to Lodge Park. Visitor safety and panels are complete. Parterre suggests next steps should be for management of Japanese knotweed. DPW and Conservation Commission would need to be contacted regarding the treatment of invasives in the area. Currently there is approximately \$5000.00 in the fund for Lodge Park. **Trish will reach out to DPW and Parterre for a quote.**

Flash Road

Paula has no new information to report at this time. **Paula will follow up with Tony Barletta and Halvorson Design** to determine next steps.

Heritage Trail

Kellie and the Nahant Girl Scouts troop have added medallions to the first half of the trail. The Girl Scouts will be installing medallions in the Bailey's Hill area this upcoming weekend. There is work planned for areas of the Heritage Trail near the Johnson School, medallion installation should wait until after work is complete.

New Business

The committee will be reviewing the Open Space Plan to determine how much has been completed and what additional projects should be targeted. Accessibility continues to be a top priority.

Next Meeting:

July 15, 2025 7PM

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Paula, seconded by Wendy and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the July 15, 2025 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.