

Open Space Committee

September 2, 2025

Hybrid, Zoom, Town Hall

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

Welcome

Trish called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a review of the agenda.

Motion to Approve Minutes

The minutes of the July 15, 2025 meetings unanimously approved by members in attendance after a motion by Ellen, seconded by Wendy.

Old Business

Bailey's Hill

Parterre Ecological has continued with the waterings for new plantings in the area.

Lodge Park

Parterre Ecological has trained 30 employees regarding invasive plant management. Trish, Wendy and Zach Taylor in attendance for the walkthrough. Japanese knotweed has been removed as part of a plan for the Year 1 of the 3 phase process. Additional funding will be needed for years 2 and 3.

Community members have reported Poison Ivy in the area near knotweed removal. **Trish will follow up with Parterre regarding removal** to avoid the potential spread.

Interpretive Panel at Wharf

The idea for a panel has been presented to the Town and Board of Selectmen, who are in agreement. Nancy has completed historical information. Vi Patek and Paul Calarouso have created the informational text for the Eelgrass portion.

Placement of the sign will continue to be discussed by the committee with the input from DPW and Wharfinger, **Rebecca will reach out to both**. S.W.I.M. will be funding the project. **Ellen and Rebecca will continue to follow up regarding placement and next steps to organize the images and text.**

Progress toward 2022-2029 Open Space and Recreation Plan Review

7 Year Action Plan Goals 1-6 reviewed by committee members noting areas of progress and areas in need of focus in the future. Overall there are no glaring holes and we are making good progress. Further discussion will be needed when a Town Administrator has been established.

Garden Club Invitation

The OSC has been invited to the Garden Club Arbor Day meeting to speak regarding the work at Lodge Park, Bailey's Hill, Memorial Tree Program and Heritage Trail. Trish will be in attendance on behalf of the OSC. **Ellen will follow up with the date.**

Trail Maps

Vi Patek has created boxes for Heritage Trail maps. **Ellen will follow up with installation and possibility of including the Nahant Girl Scouts.**

Next Meeting:

October 14, 2025 7PM hybrid.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the October 14, 2025 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.