

Nahant Open Space Committee

July 31, 2024

Town Hall In Person Meeting

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

Meeting called to order by Trish at 7:05 PM with review of the agenda.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes of June 26, 2024 meeting unanimously approved by members present for June meeting after a motion by Kellie, seconded by Trish.

Old Business

Bailey's Hill/Fort Ruckman-Phase 3

Work along Trimountain Road/Goddard Drive has begun as part of the \$20,00 grant (with \$5,000 in local match) awarded to the Nahant Fire Department for Fire Prevention and Fuel Load Reduction.

A new sign has been added at the entrance to Fort Ruckman trail leading to the top of the slope. Committee has discussed the addition of a Heritage Trail emblem disk to be added. **Trish will ask Zach for Heritage Trail disks (for Fort Ruckman marker, near community gardens and several other locations).**

Trish has been in contact with Parterre Ecological to begin work as part of Phase 3 in the management plan with targets to begin work in early August continuing with 2 additional visits into September. **Trish is awaiting the new management plan for the site and will continue to follow up.**

Lodge Park:

Visitor Safety

Work to continue to improve visitor safety at Lodge Park based on the Management and Restoration Plan has continued. Trish has been in touch with Miles from Parterre Ecological. Work to establish green fencing will begin in early September. Nahant DPW will be completing boulder placement.

Panels

Committee has agreed that there will be a total of 5 panels. **Kellie will be following up with the final draft edits with Pannier.** Nancy has recommended the Tree Swallow be added to the "Welcome" sign to replace the photo of the Common Eider. **Ellen will**

follow up with Robert Wilson regarding an image for a Tree Swallow. Nancy will edit the text on the “Welcome” sign to reference the Tree Swallow. Once final edits have been made the committee will request to present draft signs to the Board of Selectmen for input. **Potential date will be at the August 21st Board of Selectmen meeting with Paula as the representative. Trish will send the Board of Selectmen the PDFs ahead of time, per their request.**

Discussion for placement of final signs agreed upon by committee members.

Flash Rd Park Master Plan

No new information has been reported. Paula will continue to follow up.

New Business

Committee discussed the protocol for the Memorial Tree Planting Program and the importance of including existing management plans in decision for placement. **Trish will follow up with Parterre Ecological regarding recommendations for potential tree placement at Lodge Park and Baileys Hill in management plans.** Marjoram Park has also been identified as a potential space for tree plantings in the future.

Next Meeting

September 11, 2024 7PM

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 with a motion by Ellen, seconded by Paula and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the September 11, 2024 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.