

NAHANT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Date of Meeting: March 5, 2024 (hybrid in person and via Zoom)

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

1. Members Present: Trish Aldrich, Ellen Antrim, Paula Devereaux, and Kellie Neville (via Zoom). No others present.
2. Minutes of February 6, 2024 Meeting Approved – motion by Ellen Antrim, second by Paula Devereaux
3. Community Preservation Committee Discussion – monies available will be less than last year. Discussed article that appeared in March 4, 2024 Daily Item newspaper that reported that Flash Road Recreation Area Master Plan approved for \$50,000 (\$39,000 plus \$11,000 prior year funding); Goddard Drive Nature Trail \$20,000; and Housing Development Feasibility Study \$60,000. Town Administrator Tony Barletta is to get a proposal from a firm that can lead a master planning process. The Open Space Committee can't take the lead on this master planning process, but, if it is funded, we would want to be involved.
4. Lodge Park: discussed signs, panels, colors. There will be 2 way-finding signs and 4 descriptive signs. Robert Wilson is working on photographs and Kellie Neville is working with graphic designer and sign company. The Committee decided not to have any photos on the scenic overlook panel. Trying to do a safety walk in Lodge Park with DPW Superintendent Zach Taylor to discuss next steps.
5. Baileys Hill: fencing has been placed around plantings to prevent damage from rabbits. SWIM would like to install tree swallow boxes at Bailey's Hill with Town approval. Committee voted to support this – motion by Ellen Antrim, seconded by Paula Devereaux – all agreed.
6. Annual Report for 2023: submitted by Trish Aldrich with edit help by Paula Devereaux.
7. Tree planting in memory of John Benson. Trish Aldrich reported that the Nahant Tree Task Force headed by Wendy Wornham recommended a plan and a form for a Memorial Tree Program on public lands. Costs would be either \$350.00 or \$700.00. More to come on that. A native tree will be planted on town-owned space in the area at end of Ocean Street and Marginal Way.
8. No new business.
9. Next Meeting: April 2, 2024.
10. Adjournment: 8:05 pm. Motion by Paula Devereaux, seconded by Ellen Antrim – all agreed.