

Open Space and Recreation Committee

May 15, 2024

Nahant Town Hall, hybrid in person/Zoom

In attendance: Trish Aldrich (Chair), Ellen Antrim, Rebecca Durgin (Clerk)

Meeting opened at 7:07 by Trish. After thanking those present for making the effort to attend in person, Trish reviewed the modified agenda and stressed that we do have a quorum. Because a quorum is at least half the voting members of a committee and we have 6 voting members, a quorum is 3. New business will wait for full committee attendance and discussion.

Old Business

Committee will hold off on approving **April meeting minutes** until all committee members can vote at a future meeting.

CPC will be presenting **Bailey's Hill grant proposal** at Town Meeting this upcoming Saturday. Trish will be in attendance to respond to any questions.

Bailey's Hill Parterre Ecological site visit with Trish and Ellen at Bailey's Hill was completed on May 10th. Funds from phase 2, totaling approximately \$15,000, remain, which need to be used. Suggested use includes additional plantings and fencing, which can be done by Parterre. Parterre will take care of Japanese knotweed at the bottom of the slope near the Ocean View. Parterre will get in touch with DPW by June 30 to set up next steps for actions. Trish will nudge Parterre about reaching out to Zach.

May 10th meeting with Parterre also included a **site visit to Lodge Park with Parterre Ecological** to discuss top priority items including **visitor safety**. Safety step plans will be a joint project between DPW and Parterre for rock work and plantings. Parterre will follow up with DPW by June 30th to establish a timeline and coordinate efforts.

The online form for the **Memorial Tree program** is now on Nahant website. To access, visit Nahant.org/documents then scroll down to find *Nahant Memorial Tree Program*. Committee discussed how to share this new information with Town Residents.

A memorial tree for John Benson, a native pitch pine (*Pinus rigida*) with a plaque, will be planted this coming Saturday May 18, 2024. Funds were raised (thanks to 14 people, donating a total of \$700) and given to Town Hall April 9, 2024.

Ellen reviewed **Lodge Park Panels proofs** provided by Pannier Graphics for committee input. Additional edits are needed, Ellen will follow up with the contact for suggested edits including formatting and font. The committee will ask to be added to an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting to present the draft panels for input.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18, motion made by Ellen, seconded by Rebecca.

Next Meeting: Possible dates Wednesday June 19th or 26th at 7:00PM (hybrid).

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the June 26, 2024 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.