

## **Nahant Open Space Committee**

September 11, 2024

Town Hall

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

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

### **Motion to Approve Minutes**

Minutes of July 31, 2024 meeting unanimously approved after a motion by Paula, seconded by Ellen.

### **Old Business**

#### **Lodge Park Vision**

ML Court from Nahant and Garden Club beautification committee in attendance to discuss plating at Lodge Park based on the Lodge Park Management and Restoration Plan.

#### **Bailey's Hill/Fort Ruckman-Phase 3**

Two grant funded projects are currently being completed. Parterre has removed Japanese knotweed and planted new plants/fencing near the Fort Ruckman battery. Phase 2 grant is now complete. Phase 3 is underway to create a management plan for upper and lower sections of Bailey's Hill. Planting of 90 different native shrubs/plants has been completed. Miles will attend an upcoming OSC meeting to present the proposed management plan. **Trish will invite Zach to the upcoming meeting.** Grant for phase 3 included \$200 for a public informational sign. **Ellen and Josh Antrim will create the sign including wording and photos showing progress.**

#### **Lodge Park: Panels & Visitor Safety**

Ellen presented the draft panels to the Board of Selectmen at their recent meeting and were pleased with drafts.

Kellie provided an update on the sign production through Pannier. Once they receive the final proofs the 9 week production date starts. Tony and Kristin will be notified that signs will be delivered to Town Hall for signature. **Kellie will reach out to DPW/Tony to confirm delivery location.** Delivery will include instructions for DPW. **Kellie will be in touch with the committee when panels are ready for review.**

Trish discussed timing with Zach Taylor for visitor safety steps including bench removal and rock placement. Zach thought work would be completed within the week.

Two memorial trees are scheduled to be planted at Lodge Park, Pitch Pine or Eastern Red Cedar, likely located near handicap parking area.

### **Flash Rd Park Master Plan Update**

No new information to be reported on at this time. **Paula will continue to follow up.**

### **New Business – Beach Nourishment at 40 Steps**

Paula provided the committee with an update regarding the Beach Nourishment project at 40 steps. The town is attempting to tackle the erosion issues at 40 Steps Beach up to Nahant Road and is working with an engineer to develop a plan. The Town has filed with MEEPA and the Conservation Commission for a beach nourishment project. MEEPA ruled on August 16, 2024 no further review is required at the state level. DEP will need to be involved because some work will be below the tide mark. The plan will include planting on slope to beach, keep jersey barrier seawalls, add beach nourishment (6ft tall) likely extending to water. Likely to begin in 2025/2026. The Project is looking at requiring funding of approximately \$10 million. On August 21, 2024 Conservation Committee met and the outcome of the potential vote is unknown. Paula will continue to follow the issue.

### **CPA Application in the next round**

CPC has funded 1 year of Proposal for Bailey's Hill. Kellie and Ellen will begin working on the proposal and will submit the new proposal for Year 2 (approximate deadline is January 1).

### **Short Beach raking**

Nancy recently walked Short Beach and has reported that DPW is not raking the entire beach. The wrack is staying in place from Coast Guard Station to the end of Little Nahant side for the shore birds.

### **Heritage Trail Medallions**

Trish inquired with Zach how to get replacement medallions. **Ellen will follow up with Tony/Zack.**

### **Next Meeting Dates**

October 22, 2024 7PM.

November 19, 2024 at 7PM

**Trish will let Miles from Parterre know upcoming dates for presentation of management plan.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 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 October 22, 2024 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.