

Nahant Open Space Committee

October 22, 2024

Town Hall

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

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

Motion to Approve Minutes

Minutes of September meeting unanimously approved after a motion by Ellen, seconded by Wendy.

Old Business

Bailey's Hill/Fort Ruckman-Phase 3

Bailey's Hill/Fort Ruckman-Phase 3 Year 1 is now complete. The project has included development of the land management plan, removing invasives, and planting. Parterre has completed initial watering at the time of planting and will come back for follow up watering. DPW will continue to follow up with watering.

Miles from Parterre will attend the next meeting on Tuesday, Nov 19th (hybrid) to present the land management plan. Trish has invited the Nahant DPW and Town Administrator. The budget for Year 2 will be included in that presentation, which will be applied to the FY 2025 CPC application.

Nancy and Trish have suggested a Bailey's Hill Open House in coordination with SWIM to explain Bailey's Hill Phases and projects to the public. Tentative date set for Saturday November 9th. **Rebecca will create a handout** for advertising the event from notes provided by committee members, including time, date, location, project details to highlight. **Ellen will follow up regarding the informational sign to post at Bailey's Hill.**

Lodge Park: Panels & Visitor Safety

Progress has been made in recent weeks. DPW and Parterre have completed the bench removal and visitor safety planting. Watering, mulching and fencing have been completed with additional follow up planned to complete fencing. **Trish will follow up with Parterre regarding damaged fencing.** All work identified in this segment has been completed with the exception of the informal panels installation. Committee is awaiting delivery of the informational panels, which are currently in the production phase.

Flash Rd Park Master Plan Update

Paula provided an update regarding a meeting held last week with Brian Jereb and Shannon Jamieson from Halvorson Design and the Town Administrator to create a master plan for Flash Road Park. They will be updating their proposal for the Town and would like to talk with the committee at a future meeting. It was agreed that the plan should keep in mind the pathways along the Heritage Trail and reorganizing the layout of the baseball/soccer fields. Discussion of a town public outreach to find out what is most important to residents. Funding will need to be established in the future as the plan would not be ready in time for CPC funding for FY 2025. The Town is awaiting a proposal from Halvorson Design. **Paula will continue to follow up.**

New Business – Rights of Way Subcommittee

A new subcommittee has been established to oversee the process and progress of Rights of Way throughout Nahant at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting. Paula will be acting as the Open Space Committee representative for this committee. Nancy made a motion to nominate Paula, with a second by Ellen and unanimous vote in favor.

Amicus Brief related to East Point

Elizabeth Burman reached out to Trish regarding the Amicus Brief. The committee has no additional suggestions to provide at this time.

New Business

Vi Patek has reachout to Ellen regarding small maps to be placed along the Heritage Trail.

The replacement medallions for the Heritage Trail are ongoing. **Ellen will reach out to Tony to locate more.**

Nancy raised Swampscott's plan for dealing with pollution that may affect Nahant's water and beaches. Town administration will continue to follow up.

Next Meeting

November 19, 2024 7PM, Hybrid

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 December 17,2024 meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Committee.