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Nahant Open Space Committee
June 30, 2026
Hybrid: Zoom, Town Hall
In attendance: Trish Aldrich (chair), Ellen Antrim, Nancy Cantelmo, Rebecca Durgin, Wendy Wornham

Meeting called to order by Trish at 7:00 PM with review of the agenda.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2026 OSC Meeting made by Wendy, seconded by Paula, and a unanimous vote.

Old Business
Interpretive Panel at Wharf
The panel has been installed at the wharf. Several community members including S.W.I.M. feel that the panel has been installed in a location that is too far removed from view and should be moved to a more high traffic location. The committee has advised Vi Patek/S.W.I.M. to coordinate with Zach Taylor and the DPW regarding preferred placement as the sign is a S.W.I.M. initiative. **Trish will reach out to S.W.I.M.**

CPC Grant Applications
Trish has been in touch with the new Parterre Ecological representative, Bella Rozza, who will be our new contact. The work in the area of Bailey's Hill has continued and Bella Rozza will be in contact with the committee in July regarding a progress update. Following their recent visit, several trees were identified to be in need of replacement and will be replaced in the fall under warranty. They have provided their newest invoice which is covered by the funding available through FY 2026.

New Business
The current open space plan is active through May 2029. The committee has agreed that a timeline should be established for the work needed on the next open space plan. The timeline includes applying for CPC funding and reaching out to MAPC to determine how far out their representatives are booking. **Trish will reach out to Paula** regarding her opinion on the timeline. **Ellen will reach out to the MAPC** to inquire about next steps. Trish will provide Ellen with a projected list of items needed to begin this process.

Bailey's Hill Gazebo
The Gazebo will be rebuilt according to Zach Taylor, using available state funding. The committee has agreed that native plants should to be added to the garden surrounding the gazebo. **Trish will get a list of recommended native plants from Parterre Ecological.** The current Open Space Plan includes a recommendation for installation of

a ramp to the gazebo. **Rebecca will email Alison Nieto to inquire about the plans for the installation of a ramp in the new gazebo design.**

Trish received an email from Elizabeth Berman regarding a complaint pertaining to the area along the access path to Lodge Park including construction materials and litter. The committee has agreed that this is not the time to address this issue.

The committee discussed open space areas of possible need in town as well as researching other possible sources of grant funding for projects. Ellen shared that the Heritage Trail located near the Community Garden and Goddard Drive could use some attention including the storage materials and general access. **Ellen will research options for state funding and report at the next meeting.** Wendy suggested the committee reach out to the DPW for their input regarding areas of additional need for in their opinion.

Next Meeting
Monday July 27, 2026 7PM

Motion to Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM with a motion by Nancy, seconded by Wendy and a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted to the office of the Nahant Town Clerk, as approved by the July 27, 2026 meeting of the Open Space Committee.