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Open Space Committee

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Remote Meeting

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's Orders imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather inside in one place, no in person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Committee members will participate remotely via ZOOM. Meeting access via ZOOM is provided for the opportunity for public participation; information for participating via ZOOM is included at the end of this meeting.

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Guests present: Rich D. Julio

Tina Wright called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Boardwalk Management Plan

Charlie shared the plan on his screen. . Charlie will put in the newer version of the maps and will check the location of the 3 footbridges. He doesn't have the text to describe the Iarussi open spaces. Joanne volunteered to work with Jim on it. Denise asked if we should add more to section #2. Tina suggested they take out walking and call it passive recreation. Section # 3 will be updated. Section 7: Tina stated objective #1 is part of the OSRP and getting baselines done if they get funding. Check with Susy on this. Completion date should be 2022. Wetlands would be under ConCom. Objective #2 was completed by Jim but would have to be rebuilt if the beavers come back. Objective # 3 is completed. 4, 1a and 1b have been done but 1c – some signs still need to be added. This will be done by volunteers. Millstone will be done by Millstone representatives. 1d is complete. #2 Adams Street trail head is done. #3 Need to ask ConCom for permission and should be complete by 2021. #4 Do we need a wetlands platform? Tina will check with Allison on this, completion date of 2021. #5 Directional Signing has been done, # 6a is in progress, 6b, 6c and 6d are complete 2020. # 7 Tick exposure -Charlie suggested putting down a gravel trail so the grass doesn't grow. Need to discuss this with ConCom. Objective #4 should be completed 2020/ 2021. #5-1 and #5 -2 are TBD. Section 8 Omit bullet – “Encourage use of Trails...”.

Utility Easement Clearing- Opportunity to re-evaluate trail routes

Tina was given the name of someone at Eversource to contact and she will call him this week. Joanne stated the utility company will not use bulldozers further north where the cart path is. They only cut down

trees they expected to get large. They left a lot of the buckthorn there. Jim stated since everything has been cut down, they can see if there are better places to re-route the trails, the yellow trail in particular.

Boardwalk to Lovering Trail update

Denise asked if Steve Carew is going to try to get in there to mow. Joanne stated they planned to but got busy with the new DPW building and are now tied up with the move. Joanne stated one of the Larussi Way residents wants to put up a fence. Another planted stuff on the town side but it was not all native. We need to monitor that. Joanne thinks Bridget should look at it as habitat as it would control some of the invasive that are there.

Amphitheater Fence

Tina stated she walked it the other day and noticed there are a lot of trees that have fallen down. She talked to Steve Carew and he said they can get some of them out. She asked him about the fence and he said he would look at it and see if they can replace the rails and get rid of the cap.

Invasives at the Meadow

Tina heard that Peter Pelletier was going to try and spray the area. Jim stated it is too late in the season now but they will plan to do it in the spring.

Land Management Plan Update

Tina stated she is still working on this.

2021 Priorities

Tina stated they still want the Amphitheater Village Street access. She got a hold of Mr. Percheski, and he is not interested in talking about this and does not want to be contacted again. Jim Reardon still does have the easement for the parking area. Tina would like to get two parking spaces, signage and the trail on town land. Tina suggested opening up the trail and let people use it and see how it works. Tina will reach out to Dave about this. We should try to do this first quarter of 2021.

Critical needs to implement management plans- they have not identified anything yet. Steve has not had the chance to walk back there yet. This can be a 2021 priority. Joanne will ask Steve to decide on what machine he will need.

Can take the West Lovering trail off the list, as this has been completed.

Oakland trail network- Tina stated there is a trail behind the water station. She thinks this is on town property. Tina stated there is a parcel that is land locked and a parcel near the water tower that are key pieces. This should be a priority 1. Determine who own the properties as a priority 2. The Rail trail east of Oakland should be a priority 2. The Rail trail west of Oakland should be a priority 6.

The water trail will be pushed back. Accessibility to trails should be a priority 2. Joanne thinks the Adams meadow should be a priority 2. The cultural council will help with trail signs. Joanne would also like to make the small trail in front of the Community Farm a priority. Neelon Lane property should be a priority 3 or 4. The water trail should be a priority 3.

Charlie added a few things in red and he will take care of the mapping. He suggested adding the parking at Adams Street trail head to the priority list. Tina suggested taking them off the list altogether. Denise

would like to put an easement from the Lees on the priority list so we have access to the meadow and the boardwalk. This should be a priority 1 and Denise will work on that. Joanne would like to add the little park in Deerfield. Tina stated she doesn't think this is a priority because the town and the residents were not interested in maintaining it. Joanne stated there is not much work to do on it. There is a small pond and a parking area there. Tina suggested checking with the town to see if skating is allowed on the pond.

Approval of the October 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes were approved at this meeting.

Other Items that may come before the committee

Moving forward Charlie will be posting the agenda to the town website.

Adjourn

Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm. Denise seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak