

Open Space & Recreation Committee
June 08 Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 7:03PM.

Members Present: Peter Pescatore, Deirdra Riley, John McMahon, Tom Callahan, Sue Cunningham and Maryanne Wetherald.

Also Attending: Sarah Burgess.

The chair asked if there were any comments or edits for the minutes of the April 13th OSRC Meeting. There were no comments or edits and Tom moved to approve the minutes of 4/13, Maryanne seconded the motion. The chair asked for a vote and the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 4/13.

Grant Sub Committee: Deirdra reported that she had taken a look at the MA grant site, "One Stop for Growth", and most of the grants offered there were out of our interest area. Dierdra and her sub committee will follow up with Lauren and Brian to have a session to discuss Open Space and sidewalk grant opportunities and how we could collaborate on any of there objectives.

The chair discussed his request to the Town Manager to complete the pending Town Tree Ordinance and will follow up with him to bring this to the Select Board for approval.

The Harbor Committee has created a sub committee to manage the waterside implementation issues in the Harbor Plan. Peter will follow up with Tim Davis to place a member on this committee to coordinate both groups goals.

The Bylaw Working Group presented three proposals for approval at Annual Town Meeting:

Use Variance Amendment

Land Alteration Amendment

Sunset the Senior Multifamily Residential Overlay District

All three Bylaw changes were adopted at Annual Town Meeting.

We resumed the discussion about the graffiti problem at the reservoir and agreed that it was time to have a meeting with all of the public safety, DPW and citizen stakeholders to discuss how this problem has been managed in other jurisdictions and develop a long term strategy to limit or control this problem. Peter will coordinate. Sue reported that she had already discuss this approach with the Police Chief and he agreed.

Open space inventory: Deirdra will talk with Mary Quill to see if we could extract a file of undeveloped lots in town.

I send Brian's email regarding tree replacement at the new basketball courts behind the library to the committee prior to our meeting. In his email Brian confirmed that there was an approved plan to replace the 5 maple trees at the basketball courts.

New Playing Fields:

Tom reported that the CPC had provided funds to repurpose the playing field from general use to a needed additional baseball field. The chair continued the discussion about other opportunities in the same area behind the Deer Hill School for playing field expansion.

The chair reported that he has been working with the Select Chair to find a replacement for our At Large Member opening and also has asked the chair for help to resolve the Richard Karoff situation. Richard is the CPC member and has not attended a meeting since the COVID Protocols were introduced. Deirdra advised that she knew of one candidate that has submitted an application. I will follow up Tracey.

The chair asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was none and the chair asked for a motion to adjourn:

Maryanne moved the adjournment, Tom seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Pescatore