

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REMOTE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 7pm
870 MORaine STREET
MARSHFIELD, MA 2050

MINUTES

A meeting was called to order by Susan Caron (SC) chair at: 7:02 pm

Second: Chris Ciocca (CC),

Roll call vote: Pam Harght (PH), Ned Bangs (NB), Sue MacCallum (SM), Craig Hannafin (CH)

Susan Caron (SC) Chris Ciocca (CC)

Attendees :

Craig Jameson, Recreation Director (JC)

Krista Moravec , Consultant , Horsley Witten (KM)S

Darsh Shah, Consultant, Horsely Witten (DS)

1. 2018 Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP)

Krista Moravec (KM) updated the Committee on their progress. Gabby G. has left the firm and will be replaced by Darsh Shah.

KM and Gabby Queenan have interviewed the following town representatives:

Craig Jameson; Recreation Director, Liz Anoja; Conservation Agent, Carol Hamilton; Council on Aging Director, Greg Guimond; Town Planner, and Agricultural Committee representative.

KM is planning to interview DPW representatives from the following departments:

Superintendent; Shawn Patterson, Town Engineer; Rod Procaccino, Cemetery, Trees and Green's representative and the Water Department. KM will interview Ned Bangs; Recreational Trails Committee Chair.

KM summarized the findings from the Public Survey. In general, most of the respondents were satisfied with open space and recreation opportunities. The majority of the respondents were over 65 and are satisfied. The 35-65 groups want to see more connections. Many comments regarding the Recreation and Conservation areas suggest the need for increased staffing and budgets. Conservation comments indicated a need for identifying roles and responsibilities of staff. Survey suggests the need for Public Education regarding programming, resources and environmental stewardship.

The committee discussed the possibility of trying to engage more parents of school age children and seniors by visiting the Boys and Girls Club and Senior Center to hand out a short survey . PH asks what we are looking for in the additional survey. KM states questions would be broad, What are we doing well? What do you want to see? JC states that Registration Day at the B&G Club would be a good time to reach many parents. It is during February school vacation week. NB states at the end of the After- School program at B&G club as another good time to reach parents picking up children. The Senior Center hosts State Rep Day which could be a good time to hand out surveys. KM states the survey would be 3 questions only. QR code on business card suggested.

KM reports they are in the process of drafting Sections 3-5 of the plan. They are working on Planning and Regional Studies . DPW interviews are pending.

ADA self evaluation will be completed. KM states it is ideal if a person with disabilities could join them on the site visits. SC states the Veterans Office may know of someone that could help.

2. 2160 Ocean Street Update

SC reports that she met on site with Bill Finn (BF), Consultant to the Conservation Commission to discuss the best way to approach the existing foundation. It was his opinion that it removing it could be more problematic than leaving it in place. He discussed this with Rod Procaccino, the town engineer who agreed. Rod worked on the South River Park project and complications from high ground water occurred after a foundation was removed at that site. Best course of action will be to obtain a Structural Engineering Report to include test borings into the foundation to determine it's stability and possible reuse. We will prepare a Request for Proposals for Structural Engineering and Conceptual Design. This can be done over the winter and will need to go CPC and Fall Town Meeting for funding. Final Design with Cost Estimates will be a separate RFP.

KM , DS and JC exit the meeting.

3. MOTION by SC to enter Executive Session at : 8:05 pm to consider the purchase, lease or exchange of value of real property as discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town. The committee will not return to open session.

Second: NB

Roll Call vote: CC yes, SM yes, PH yes, CH yes, SC yes, NB yes.