

MARSHFIELD OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
REMOTE MEETING
THURSDAY, 9/21/2023 7PM
870 MORaine STREET
MARSHFIELD , MA 02050

**MINUTES
REMOTE PARTICIPATION ZOOM MEETING**

A meeting of the Open Space Committee was called to order by Chair, Susan Caron (SC) with a Motion at 7:02 pm

Second : Chris Ciocca (CC)

Roll Call vote : Sue MacCallum (SM), Craig Hannafin (CH), Ned Bangs (NB), Pam Harght(PH), Chris Ciocca (CC) Susan Caron (SC)

Guests : Craig Jameson, Recreation Director
Krista Moravec, Senior Planner Horsley & Witten
Gabby Queenan, Environmental Planner Horsley & Witten

Agenda

1. Minutes for review: 8/24/2023

MOTION to approve as written made by SC Second : SM

Roll Call vote: All in favor : SM, CH, NB, PH, SC, CC

2. Special Town Meeting Article 10 / Land Acquisition for 2160 Ocean St

SC discusses support for the article and will post a map of the property on OSC website. Maps will be available for distribution at Town Meeting.
Discussed possibility of public site visit prior to TM.

3. Kick off Meeting for the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Presentation by Krista Movaec and Gabby Queenan

Krista and Gabby presented an introduction to Open Space and Recreation Plans for new members. Discussed required elements, goals and timeline for completion.

Discussed available reports and best contacts for data, reports and town staff interviews.

. Discussed the Administrative Structure of Open Space and Recreation Management:

*The Recreation Department is responsible for organizing and promoting both indoor and outdoor recreation

* The Department of Public Works is responsible for general maintenance of athletic fields and public green space. Various volunteer groups assist with maintaining properties.

- *The Recreational Trails Ambassadors inspect, maintain and provide improvements on all trails throughout town.
- *The Conservation Commission is responsible for the Care and Custody of most Open Space and Conservation land. All work and activities must have the approval of the Commission. In some instances the Select Board also has custody of properties.
- *The Open Space Committee with funding from CPC, are responsible for the acquisition of conservation land for conservation, passive recreation and historical preservation.

Public Participation Plan

*Public Survey. Paper copies and online option The goal is to have a survey ready for distribution at Fall Town Meeting on October 16. Survey to run for 3 weeks. Process to be complete before Thanksgiving.

*Will expand outreach to areas of high density housing and families with children

*Locations for Survey distribution:

Town Hall Library Council On Aging Boys and Girls Club
 Food Pantry Recreation Dept. Town Clerks Office
 Community Gardeners ?
 Brazilian Market Churches

* Methods of Outreach:

Press releases to Marshfield Community Media, WATD, Town Hall Tidbits weekly mail newsletter.

Survey links to appear on Town Website, OSC, Conservation and Recreation Webpages.

Post survey link flyer in various locations.

* Meeting with focus groups to be considered . Senior Center Meeting? Others?

SM suggests the survey address how the community values visual access to open fields and undeveloped land. How do people value the aesthetics of conserved land ? Krista M. asks if the need for increased housing will affect or compete with open space goals.

4. Next Meeting Date:To be determined

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:38 pm by SC.

Roll call vote: All in favor; CC, SM, CH, NB, PH, SC

Minutes submitted and prepared by Susan Caron