

Open Space Committee, January 13, 2023, Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Susan Girard-Irwin, Thomas Bow, Nick Norman, Janice Parky

Also Present: Susan Areson, Damion Clements, Barbara Carboni, Jeff Thibodeau.

Ms. Girard-Irwin called the meeting to order at 12:01

Minutes of December 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

Open Space and Recreation Plan: Mr. Thibodeau updated the Committee on progress. Comments have been received from Planning Board, Cape Cod Commission, Recreation Advisory, Bike and Walkways and Open Space Committees and incorporated into the plan. February 15th submission goal to the Cape Cod Commission is on target, waiting on final maps from the CCC. Public process has been excellent. Revised draft will be submitted to the Select Board for required approval. Letters of endorsement from the Select Board and Town Manager will be included. Endorsement from Conservation and Recreation Advisory Commissions not required but wants to include.

Ms. Girard-Irwin requested revised copy of draft be made available to be sure changes made align with intentions. Mr. Thibodeau will have revised draft available the following week.

Discussion ensued regarding Section 8, Goals 6 & 7. New priorities- Housing and Climate Change Crisis. Ms. Carboni felt there is no appetite for new Committees; Walsh Property Committee is addressing land use, Town has a Climate Action Committee. She will confer with Ms. Areson (who had left the meeting) to see if suggestion should be incorporated.

Other Business: The following resolution was voted on to be added to the OS Goals and Objectives, approved.

Over the next 12 months, the Open Space Committee shall develop a list of potential properties for acquisition. This list will be assembled in executive session and shall be kept private to ensure confidentiality so as to not hinder the Committee's bargaining position.

Ms Barbara Carboni, will be notified beforehand should the need arise to ensure Open Meeting Law is being considered.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm



Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

