

Open Space Committee Minutes for June 15, 2022

In attendance: Frances Lewis, Kait Logan, Joanna Buffington, Saul Fisher, Karen Strauss, Robert Young
Joined by members of Eastham Dog Association, Paul Lagg, and Keith Johnson
Absent: Peter Wade

Start time: 3:03 pm

Minutes were accepted unanimously for June 1st. Minutes for the May 18th, 2022 meeting still pending.

Dog Association Re: Wiley Park

- Requested that stakeholders be looped in prior to projects in the past so that everyone can be knowledgeable.
- We need to follow up on the signage at Wiley. It should be more specific than just a “project in the works.” It was suggested that if the entry bulletin board returns that we should place it there, as well as on the fence.
- Concern was expressed by Cindy that the act of limiting this space may push people into the other forest area that we also want to protect.
- Karen raised the conservation and open space committees concern regarding the impact of dogs in general.
- Saul will talk to head of Forestry committee and determine who is responsible for adding clarification to the sign.
- It was asked who and how do we delineate between what areas are considered conservation vs. recreation and if they are mutually exclusive?
- Keith to pass on message regarding runoff by parking lot and bridge to asst. at DPW

Sandy Meadow Signage Update

- We already have the money from a few years ago after approval from the CPA
- Excellent info, would like better pics of plants, thinking trail map should just go at entry.
- Include some history of the site
- 3 signs - one at trailhead under existing with map of trail, trail information - acreage etc. (need a new trail map), sum of the 4 habitats, and pamphlets. 2nd sign at the bowl that continues to discuss rare habitats but shows 4 photographs that identify the habitat you are seeing as you look over the bowl. Also, discuss the sand plain history. 3rd sign that is plants and species. Include stickers with QR codes that direct people to more info.
- The idea was raised of adding smaller signs that identify areas of a particular species or plant to keep people walking along
- Paul said town staff can help with design and procurement. once we decide on content and graphics that we want, share with Paul and him and some of the town staff will facilitate the rest.
- Paul said he has a sign design template we can use
- If we decide not to offer a printed brochure we should still create a full electronic one that people can access

Social Media Update (Kait)

- First couple pics could be our parcels and an introduction to our spaces. Other potential posts should include an introduction to the team and ongoing photos could be all nature shots.
- Kait requested that all team members send photos that they take out and about to her and she will post.
- Minimum of one post a week should be the aim

- Paul commented that there is no approval by town needed at this time, just to keep the content non-controversial

Meeting with Affordable Housing Follow up

- Two committees est.: social media education & creating a template for looking at land suitable for affordable housing in conjunction with Open Space; “A sub group for decision making for future land use” - Paul Lagg
- Joanna interested in getting involved in the land committee
- Kait & Frances to work together on the social media education collaboration

Administrative Items

- Joanna replacing Kait on CPA committee beginning next month. The group unanimously voted in favor.

Rob exited meeting

Old or New Business

New Business:

- Windmill weekend Sept 9th. Our group agreed we should be present.
- Committee agreed that we should invite Aimee Eckman to a future meeting to discuss next steps on coming up with a protocol that would allow us to move faster when trying to purchase priority parcels as they come on the market.
- Peter was not present, but this would have been his last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Next meeting date: July 20, 2022 at 3 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kait Logan