

Open Space Committee Minutes for June 21, 2023

In attendance: Frances Lewis, Joanna Buffington, Linda Dorflinger, Rob Young, Kait Logan
Saul Fisher joined at 3:08

Start time: 3:02 pm

Review of Minutes:

Correction for May - just a spelling error, otherwise unanimously approved. April minutes - tabled for approval at next month's meeting

OSRP Land Stewardship Update:

- Survey to go out to public this summer
- Community Forum to be scheduled after survey
- No progress on a potential consultant.

Conservation Restrictions:

- Need a contact now that Keith is gone. In the interim, Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, the Health and Conservation Director, will be our point of contact.

Wiley Park Monitoring Program:

- June 13 Conservation Commission tabled regulation changes to October
- Money for Game camera could come from Conservation fund
- Monitoring form editing suggestions:
 - Under directions how many ft do we want to consider "off trail". Agreed on 1 foot. Updated form was unanimously approved and will be sent to the DOA. We will also send to Aimee, Shana, and Paul
 - In terms of sign up sheet: Kait will finish the spreadsheet and we will send amongst OSC, DOA, and 1651 Forestry.
 - Would like to start July 1st, Frances will print and deliver to all contributing parties
 - Scan sheets after monitoring and Cons Comm can sum up everything
 - Joanna, Frances, Linda, and Rob to go out this weekend for a trial run. We will post as a public forum as a "site visit".
 - Next go out with other groups

Higgins Property Dedication:

- Joanna to provide a date and then we need to notify the town
- Family said likely late July, early August

CPA Applications: Sandy Meadow/Higgins Property:

- Should we submit a CPA application for the funds for the materials for extending the ADA trail at Sandy Meadow?
- Higgins Property application for stewardship app needs to be completed. We need to work with Paul Lagg.
- We should talk to town about reaching out to colleges about getting interns to help committees such as ours with tech assistance, app creation etc.

Windmill Weekend:

- Town to provide table and 2 chairs.

- Make one of our goals, asking people if they want to volunteer to be “a friend” of one of the properties to help us clean, monitor, maintain etc.

Old or New Business:

- None

Next meeting date:

July 19, 2023 - Hybrid

Submitted by: Kait Logan