

## **June 4, 2013 MEETING MINUTES – OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN COMMITTEE**

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room

**Members Present:** Angela Ippolito, Marc Barden, Richard Smith, Jim Olivetti, Sarah Pruett, Mary Webster

**Members Absent:** Toni Bandrowicz

**Others:** Peter Kane (Town Planner), Danielle Strauss (Town Recreation Director), Tania Lillak

The June 4, 2013 meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee was called to order at 6:30 pm.

### **1. Approval of May 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes (Item 1. on the Agenda)**

Jim motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting with the omission of the ending time of the meeting which will be inserted later; the motion was seconded by Mary and unanimously approved.

#### **Approval of April 21, 2013 Field Trip Minutes**

Marc asked about reviewing the questions that came up on this field trip to many open spaces in Swampscott. Pete confirmed that most have already been answered within the Plan. Angela pointed out the some questions cannot be answered at this time. It was then suggested by Marc, that he review all the questions separately and get back to us at a future meeting. Mary motioned to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Angela and unanimously approved.

### **2. Recap of April 29 and 30, 2013 Board/Committee Presentations (Item 2. on the Agenda)**

The comments and questions were reviewed line by line indicating status in plan:

#### **April 29**

- Rail Trail – accounted for in Plan
- Phillips Beach land purchase on May 2013 Town Meeting Warrant – although the article was postponed indefinitely this is included in the Plan
- Are any conservation easement restrictions being sought, are any available? – this is accounted for in the Plan
- PARC grants – accounted for in Plan
- Will goals be prioritized? – Yes, within the 5 year plan
- Why are oceans not included, just the beaches? Cleaning of algae? - Toni has contacted HWAC on the ocean waters. This info will be added into Inventory at Fisherman’s Beach, including HWAC name and that they are in the beginning stages of creating a plan. The raking of the beach will be added to Goals and Maintenance “Establish beach cleanup . . . may include a tractor pull rake.” Contact should be made with DCR as they handle the cleanup of same on Nahant Beach.

#### **April 30**

- Open Space Survey, why did people walk instead of drive? - Survey did not get that specific. Could be distance or physical ability. As far as age demographics, this is being accounted for in goals.
- Green corridor linking with Marblehead and Salem - is addressed in Plan
- Seaweed on beaches - addressed from 4/2/13 questions/comments

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- Land behind pump station – this has been purchased since the presentation date, by a neighbor of Bertram House for \$25,000; it has a View Restriction which means the property cannot be built on except for a gazebo. The new owner would like to have a conservation easement on the property as there is a bird sanctuary there. This will be added to Privately Owned Future Land and will be called Sculpin Way Wetland
- Soccer Field/Track at Upper Jackson – do we have a right of first refusal with Aggregate? We decided to not look into this as when new high school was built in 2005 the town signed a 100 year lease with Aggregate, Aggregate only has a 75 year life span thus will not be around in 2105; we will however identify area in the Jackson Park Inventory
- Girl Scout Lodge, what can be done with the property? - There is currently a Historical Commission member working with Gino Cresta, as well this is mentioned in the Inventory section
- Tedesco, open for winter recreation? Can we get a recreation easement? – This has already been looked into by Jim, No
- Train Depot – this is not necessary to address as it is not an open space
- Two foot paths behind Phillips, are they considered part of Puritan Road? – No
- Marion Court is not a 61B property - it is an educational property and therefore pays no tax
- Raking of Fisherman’s Beach – this has already been addressed

### Restriction properties

61B is a tax benefit for open space and recreational land, only space in Swampscott is Tedesco

Conservation restriction – only Blythswood

Preservation restriction – Town Hall Building, it is on the National Register

### **3. Five-Year Action Plan (Item 3. on the Agenda)**

Mary will work on the 5-year Plan with help from Sarah. This must be completed by June 25<sup>th</sup>. Pete suggested that looking at other municipal plans could be helpful. 5-year Plan will take current goals section and lay out in a yearly format, what should be taken on first, second, etc; having the ability to sort by both committee(s) and goal

### **4. Latest Drafted Plan (Item 4. on the Agenda)**

- Angela will write up the Plan Summary and get to Pete by Friday morning June 7<sup>th</sup> so it will be part of the Draft Plan for the Public Forum. Pete suggested Angela should look at other municipal plans
- Need a 2<sup>nd</sup> historical map from late 1800’s, early 1900’s; Angela can get
- Little’s Point (p.70 of previous draft) notes that there are two public right of way that are paved and being used as driveways, should they be included as Right of Ways? – No, they are currently on maps as paper streets therefore we will not include as Right of Ways
- Public version of draft will be released June 7<sup>th</sup> on the Town’s website

### **5. Community Forum (Item 5. on the Agenda)**

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- Publicity – flyers are being put up on store windows; town wide call will be made; we should all email residents
- Handout – page 1 will be an introduction and thank you with an agenda; page 2 will be a survey; other handouts will be Inventory Map, Action Plan Map and Goals & Objectives Section
- Pete previewed the presentation materials and will email them to us. Pete asked that other OSRP committee members speak on Analysis of Needs – Resource and Protection; possibly Toni; Community, possibly Mary; Management and Maintenance, Marc
- Mary will take notes on questions/comments at Public Forum; OSRP committee members are asked to arrive at 6:30pm. Mary and Sarah will hand out and collect the surveys.

**Move to adjourn** was made by Angela at 9:00 pm, Sarah seconded, unanimously approved.

Next meeting is June 25, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Minutes by Mary Webster