

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – March 10, 2015 Minutes

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:50 PM

Location: Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Tania Lillak, Richard Smith, Toni Bandrowicz, Jim Olivetti & Sarah Pruet

Members Absent: Mary Webster

Ex- Officios Present: Town Planner; Pete Kane

Ex- Officios Absent: Recreation Director; Danielle Strauss, Planning Board Chair; Angela Ippolito

-Jim brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Toni made a motion to accept the Feb. 10, 2015 Minutes. Tania seconded. All in favor.

-Pete reviewed the task of the Master Plan Committee. There will be 11-15 members. Open Space is being asked to send a representative. Jim has initially volunteered and will check with Mary with regard to her interest.

-Toni reviewed her draft of the Ewing Woods Land Management Plan. Conservation Land boundary signs are being researched. Everyone will review the draft and bring thoughts to next meeting. Letters, with regard to boundary lines, will go out to all abutters of Open Space property from the Building Inspector. Jim will draft a letter to the Building Inspector with a list of sites from the OSRPC.

-The PARC Grant application this year will come from the Friends of Swampscott Athletic Fields. They are applying for up to \$400K for the Blocksidge Field project. The Turf Field is on the Town Warrant. The group will be asking the town for \$1.6M. Pat Jones will be attending our April 14 meeting to ask for our support for the project. Have your questions ready. Tania to contact Tom Younger to inform him of the OSRPC's intent to apply for the PARC grant in 2016 for Swampscott to rehabilitate Johnson Park.

-Tania and Toni (as part of the Conservation Committee) will research applying for a Land Grant to fund the purchase of property next to Winsor Park. The property is owned by Aggregate. Sarah will research grants sourced by Ipswich. Tania to meet with Gino Cresta of the DPW to follow up on plan action items. She will ask for information on pesticide application in town.

-The Howland Park Subcommittee collected input on draft planting designs at a public forum on February 25th. Susan Balleza will prepare a final plan ready to present for Gino Cresta with an informational copy provided to the Board of Selectmen.

-Jim passed out the Intent to Apply Form for the MA DCR Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grant. They usually give grants for trees. They also may fund a Canopy Study. Applications are due in May and November.

-Our next meeting is April 7, 7 PM at Town Hall. It will be our 1 year anniversary. We should celebrate. Please review the 1 Year Action Items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Pruett