

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – April 7, 2015 Minutes

Time: 7:03 PM – 8:50 PM

Location: Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Webster, Tania Lillak, Toni Bandrowicz, Jim Olivetti & Sarah Pruet

Members Absent: Richard Smith

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

Mary brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Patrick Jones presented the Artificial Turf Field proposal.

Toni made a motion to accept the March. 10, 2015 Minutes. Jim. seconded. All in favor.

Tania met with Gino on the 17th. The failure to pick up dog poop fine is \$50, Article 5, Sec 15, D. Sprinkler heads have rain sensors but not moisture sensors. Howland Park sprinklers will be a pilot project for the moisture sensors, if the cost is not a deterrent. Need to talk to Trish about Handicap accessibility at Jackson Park. Town Manager, Tom Younger, will hire a facilities manager who will oversee all the town and school facilities. Next year OSRPC would like to apply for the PARC Grant for plantings at Johnson Park. The boy scouts will be painting the fish alert signs in front of the storm drains to remind people not to dump trash in the drains. The EPA will meet with town officials in mid April with regard to the Stacy Brook pollution. The town will be fined for failure to address the sewage leak in Stacy Brook, but the amount has not been determined yet. This clean up could cost the town \$5-10 M. The final report should be ready by the end of June.

Gino is aware of the Pesticide Awareness Group policy, but stated he could not follow because the organic method that Lahey Landscaping was using did not work. He puts pesticides on the fenced in fields twice a year and then closes them off for 48-72 hours. Last year he also did King's Beach because the former town administrator felt that the grass looked terrible compared to Lynn.

Gino said that there will be 5 people for summer help this year; 2 of which will be dedicated to picking up trash on the beaches. Gino said that after July 1, there could potentially be \$5-10K in the budget for the OSRPC to use. He asked that we put forth a proposal for use of the funds. Gino said that going forward, 20% of the \$50,000 in the budget for Open Space each year could be set aside for OSRPC.

Jim is the liaison with the Municipal Design Group. Granite beach markers are planned for various town beaches along with planters and other landscaping, with financial support from a

private donor. A public forum to present the beach entrance plans will be held on May 12. Rick Rawlins is the chair. They are a year away from having a design for all town properties. Ewing Woods and Harold King Forest signs are in need of attention. Jim made a motion to research how to replace these signs. Toni seconded. All in favor.

Toni went to the last Con Com Meeting. She would like their comments on the Ewing Woods Land Management Plan. A survey of the property needs to be done to address encroachment. Con Com has been disorganized and they are not sure where the Ewing Woods survey documents are. Pete will send a letter to the abutters to let them know that a LMP is in the works. Points of particular interest are the possibility of a vernal pool and the invasive plant control. There is a Friends of Ewing Woods Group.

July is the deadline to apply for a Land Grant. Land by Windsor Park is owned by Aggregate and is in two parcels, valued at \$52,600.

The Harbor Advisory Group is working on their Plan which overlaps with the Humphrey Street Plan and the OSRP.

Jim –Susan Balleza is finishing up the Howland Park Plan. They hope to have most of the planting completed this spring. The Municipal Design Committee will send a letter to the Selectmen with a list of plantings and the plan.

Mary will get our priorities on the Capital Planning Worksheet to Pete.

Corrections to the Feb. 10, 2015 Minutes: Roger Talkov spoke with Selectmen Laura Spathanas and Naomi Dreeben indicating National Grid wants Selectmen to support the Rail Trail effort, get involved and speak with the abutters. Laura is taking the lead. Sarah Pruett was absent.

Mary handed out a Maintenance Inspection Checklist for parks and playgrounds.

Salem Sound Coast Watch will have a Beach Keeper training session at the Abbott Public Library on Monday, April 13.

Toni moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting is May 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pruett

