**Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – August 11, 2015 Minutes**

**Time:** 7:05 PM – 8:50 PM **Location:** Town Hall, Conference Room

**Members Present:** Mary Webster, Tania Lillak, Richard Smith, Jim Olivetti & Sarah Pruett

**Members Absent:** Toni Bandrowicz

**Ex-Officios Present:** Planning Board Chair; Angela Ippolito,

**Ex-Officios Absent:** Recreation Director; Danielle Strauss, Town Planner; Pete Kane

Mary brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Richard motioned to accept the July 14, 2015 minutes. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

The Ewing Woods Land Management Plan was sent to the Selectman. It will be sent to the Ewing Woods area neighbors. We will wait until Toni is back to talk about implementing the plan.

Angela knows high school students who are ready to volunteer time to help maintain our open spaces. Tania will check with Gino about supplies. Jim will supervise the group to clip the Loosestrife.

Sarah will organize groups to walk the conservation land this fall with the objective to start controlling the invasive species.

Jim will draft a list of locations for the No Dumping signs.

There are 3-4 Tree Hearings per year. Tania shared a check list designed to determine if a tree should be taken down. Open Space is being asked to assist with the tree hearing process.

CPA – Angela contacted the original people who proposed the CPA in the past. She will get the information to the Selectmen. The CPA should be co sponsored by a group of interested citizens, including representatives from Historic Commission, Planning and Open Space. A letter will go out to the committee members requesting participation in this effort.

Rail Trail – All members of Open Space have volunteered to help with the next phase of the Rail Trail implementation plan. A date for the information meeting has not been set.

Lexington Circle land donation to town – Con Com has agreed to accept the proposal of the donation of this land. Mary will write a letter in support.

Eisemans Beach Trail – Gino plans to rake, level and compact the trail to make it ADA acceptable.

Use of Open Space Funds List –

1. Upgrading Superior and Winsor Parks
2. Tree Inventory
3. Pedestrian connection by Machon School
4. Trash Sheds

‘For the Love of Swampscott’ has 6 raised beds at the High School for flowers, herbs and vegetables. There are 3 rounded benches designed for talks.

Sarah will contact Chip Osborne and invite him to an Open Space meeting to discuss the cost of transitioning Swampscott to organic maintenance practices.

8:50 PM Sarah made a motion to adjourn. Tania seconded. All in favor.

Our next meeting is September 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pruett, Secretary