**Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – October 26, 2015 Minutes**

**Time:** 7:05 PM – 9:05 PM **Location:** Town Hall’s 2nd Floor Conference Room

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

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

Mary brought the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Sarah motioned to accept the, September 15, 2015 minutes. Jim seconded. All were in favor.

Open Space Plan Review

#14 – Phillips Beach Land acquisition – completed

#21 – Lower Jackson Park – Benches and Trees - completed

#68 – Howland Park – improve overall health – close to completion, Gino will get a quote for moisture sensors, on going

# 96 – Howland Park – plantings on the cliff - completed.

In process;

Capital Improvement Committee needs our request for funds for next year’s budget.

#9 – Rail Trail – Have list of volunteers. Pete will talk to Marc and Roger.

#10 & 11 - Encroachment/ Maintenance Plans - No responses to Pete’s letter to abutters. Toni will ask Con Com to authorize the survey of Ewing Woods. Toni is working on the Land Management Plan for Ewing Woods. Establish a time line; Toni will contact responsible parties again with a deadline, input by the 2nd week in Nov., invite abutters to a meeting, close input 2 weeks later, final piece is input from Selectmen.

#12 – Trash at beaches comes under the Beach Management Plan. The BMP also includes #38; maintenance and access, #40; algae cleanup with the beach rake and #53; repair seawall and stairs, approved by con com and ongoing.

#13 – Stacy Brook cleanup – on going

#16 – Re grade right of way to Eiseman’s Beach, will try again in April 2016

#18 – CPA –Towns that have passed the CPA have conducted major campaigns including; posters, flyers, websites, videos. The effort needs to be started by a citizen’s group. Mary will start a Facebook page.

#19 – Community Garden – on hold until the spring

#24 – “No Dumping” signs – in Municipal Design planning ie, scope, specs, funds.

#27 – Windsor Park – Gino will set money aside

Some discussion about the use of the Open Space funds:

Danielle will talk to Gino about the Tot Lot equipment and disability access.

#39- Playground maintenance and safety program – tabled until Windsor Park project is completed

#40- Beach Rake – on going

#41- Open Space Stewardship Program – on going

#50- Harbor management of eel grass – under Beach Management Plan – on going

#56- Unified signage – under Municipal Design Committee

#63- Tree Inventory- Allan Fenner, with SavATree Consulting Group, may come in to educate us about the importance of trees and teach volunteers how to assess a tree’s health and how to conduct an inventory. Tania to contact Allan to obtain a quote for SavATree to conduct an inventory on park and street trees, approximately 1000-1500 trees. Gino Cresta of the DPW has agreed to fund a tree inventory with funds from the Open Space budget 2015-2016.

#69- Path Burpee Road to HS- Not feasible, grade too steep, triggers ADA, to decrease the grade would take up too much of the soccer field. Mary will talk to Gino about improving the path that is currently in use.

#73- Incorporate amenities at the beaches – composting toilets are a possibility, will get a price.

#74- King’s Beach – on hold

#75/86 – Marian Court – meeting October 28 at the HS, on going

#77 – Plan for replacement of old or ailing trees – tabled until inventory is completed

#78 – Reduce Pesticide use or replace with organic option – Sarah will contact the BOH.

#93 – Repair 40 Steps – Gino has someone lined up to repair the railing

#94 – Repair Seawall at King’s Beach –

#100- Control of Invasive Plants – Sarah will coordinate another outing at Ewing Woods and begin the control effort.

#103 – Inventory of plant species and prepare a report on Harold King Forest – Jim will contact the UMass Forestry Program

For the next meeting, read the questions in red on the plan that Mary handed out.

For Town Meeting, Open Space will have time to show our accomplishments, possibly with a slide show.

The Lexington Circle plot is now town property under a Recreation and Conservation Easement.

Nov. 10 is the Machon School Presentation

Our next meeting is November 17.

At 9:05 PM, Angela made a motion to adjourn. Toni seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Pruett, Secretary