Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – March 8, 2016, Minutes

Time: 7:05 PM – 8:45 PM **Location:** Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room **Members Present:** Mary Webster, Jim Olivetti, Toni Bandrowicz, Tania Lillak, Richard Smith & Sarah Pruett **Ex-Officios Present:** Recreation Director; Danielle Strauss, **Ex-Officios Absent:** Town Planner; Pete Kane, Planning Board Chair; Angela Ippolito

- -Mary brought the meeting to order at 7:05. Jim made a motion to approve the Jan. 12, 2016 minutes. Richard seconded. Approved.
- -Tania Waiting to hear from SavATree with regard to the tree survey. Tania and Danielle will follow up with Gino with regard to work on Superior Park.
- -White Court has been listed with Caldwell Banker.
- -The Ewing Woods Land Management Plan has been adopted by Con Com. The next question is how to follow up and monitor the plan. Sarah will contact Beth O'Connor in Ipswich and ask her how they keep track. Jim will ask the Municipal Design Committee where they are on the signs.
- -Danielle- This spring the Boy Scouts are going to lead walks in Harold King Forest. One potential Eagle Scout Project could be to design and build a trail around the boulders. Rebecca Ingalls, an interested naturalist, will be very helpful in identifying the flora. It would be beneficial to have a reptile specialist involved, as well.
- -The Supporting Facts for Open Space Doc is on line. Ed McMahon's Ted Talk titled; "Where am I, The Power of Uniqueness", is an excellent resource.
- -Sarah Chip Osborne's presentation on: Natural Turf and Landscape Management: Choices and Challenges is April 7, 7 PM at the HS auditorium. It is going to be a fantastic presentation. Please help spread the word.
- -Toni attended the Con Com Associations Annual Conference in Worcester. Bill Keshan helped pass the CPA in Plymouth. He would be an excellent resource for us. The Harbor Advisory Committee sent a special thank you to Toni for helping them write their plan. Con Com is in conversation with Chuck Faia with regard to the Ewing Woods survey.
- -The Johnson Park redesign public input meeting is, March 10, at 7PM at the HS Cafeteria.

We reviewed The OSR Plan. Mary will keep track of updates. At 8:45 PM, Jim made a motion to adjourn. Richard seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Pruett, Secretary Our next meeting is scheduled for April 12.