

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Minutes

- I. Attendance and Approval of October 25, 2022 minutes: Present were Lucy Abisalih, Dawn Ackerman, Mary Ann Glennon, Jenifer Mansfield, Sue Simmons and Sandy Venner and guest Martin Hanlon. Motion made and seconded by Dawn and Mary and all voted to approve September 13, 2022 minutes. Motion made and seconded by Lucy and Mary and all voted to approve November 22, 2022 minutes.
- II. Recommendations for Committee Member appointments: Sue will contact Brian to see if he is still interested in being on the OSC as he has not attended a meeting this Fiscal Year. Sue will also check with Carrie as to her intent. Motion made by Sandy and seconded by Jennifer to authorize Dawn and Lucy to Approve Payment of Bills between meetings.
- III. Redevelopment of Fields at Emery Street: Reviewed draft questions for use through Survey Monkey. Discussed posting of Flyer promoting the survey and plans for a community meeting. Jennifer will revision the survey with suggested edits and create flyer.
- IV. Next Steps to Protect Town Forest through Article 97: Sandy has provided the Con Com and the Board of Selectmen with the memo from Lisa Mead, Town Counsel, on the status of the Town Forest in relation to Article 97 of the state Constitution. She will follow up with Ms Mead regarding some questions and request for further clarification. Next Steps will be language for a warrant article for Town Meeting and support of the Con Com and BOS.
- V. Trail Activities: MVPC requested 14 LTA points to cover the creation of new maps of the Town Forest with the color coding of the trails and including some of the trails previously not on the trail map. Sandy will seek Planning Board approval at the Jan. 31st meeting. Jennifer will check if someone she knows will be able to remove some trees that are blown over and hanging across trails. The planned walk on Edible Plants will be Sept. 9th 9-11am.
- VI. FY' 23 Expenditures: There are no new requests for FY 23 funds. The Edible Plants walk will be \$175 to come out of FY 24 budget. It was agreed not to request an increase to the \$630 expense line item in the FY 24 budget. The committee will request to expand the wording of the Special Article voted last year for tree removal on trails. Sandy will draft this.
- VII. Correspondence: None
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm and next meeting scheduled for February 28th at 5pm