

Open Space Committee Update on the Town's Emery Street Property

We want to update you on the next steps for considering the future of the Town's Emery Street property. Thank you for your patience.

The Open Space Committee is responsible for overseeing implementation of the town's 6-year [Open Space and Recreation Plan](#) (OSRP). We are nearing the end of our existing plan with a handful of objectives yet to complete - a recreation site plan for Emery Street is one of those objectives. (Please note that in the OSRP, the Emery St. property is referenced as Carriagetown Park.)

Earlier this year, the Select Board won a grant to update the Town's Master Plan. This news motivates us to think holistically about *all* of our town open spaces and how we can accomplish our long-term objectives. Your survey responses prompt us to envision a range of public uses that will best meet our needs as a community.

The master planning process will be getting underway this fall at which time the OSC will be actively considering all of our properties to address our, as yet unfinished, OSRP objectives. There will be opportunities for public input in the master planning process and we hope you will take that chance to participate and learn more about what the opportunities and challenges are.

We will keep you updated via this webpage and of course, we welcome you at our monthly Open Space meetings, as well (*usually* the last Tuesday of the month). Our agenda is always posted on the town website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

In the meantime, your responses to the Emery Street survey are top of mind. We look forward to hosting at least one public forum this fall, and working with you as the planning process emerges. The Select Board will have the final say regarding any plans or proposals we prepare. The goal of the OSC is to help create a comprehensive, multi-use plan for our open spaces that balances the needs of our community and our natural environment.

Come find our booth at Old Home Days on August 12th! We'll have maps for viewing and would love to hear your ideas about everything from trails to tennis courts.