

Plainville Open Space & Recreation Committee
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Committee members present:

John Wegiel, Jill Winitzer, Sherry Norman, Tom McHugh, Carol Lewicki, Lou LeBlanc, Marcia Benes

Members absent:

Ellen LeBlanc

Linda Evans has stepped down, Dawn Denizkurt seeking appointment as replacement

Staff present: Chris Yarworth, Conservation Agent

SRPEDD representatives present: Sandy Conaty, Bill Napolitano

Meeting called to order 7:10PM

- Review of Minutes from January 18, 2017
- Ms. Norman motioned to accept minutes from January 18. Seconded by Ms. Benes, passed 7-0-0
- Introductions of Committee members and SRPEDD representatives
- Mr. Napolitano proceeded with meeting agenda based on the List of Topics to be Discussed
- Review of 'What is the Conservation, Open Space and Recreation Plan' by Melissa Cryan
 - Concept to think of Open Space as a portfolio of assets and investments to be incorporated into all town planning
 - Conservation land remains in conservation in perpetuity, Article 97 makes land harder to get out of conservation
 - Mr. Napolitano and Ms. Conaty to act as lead authors for the Plainville OSRP
 - Focus on achievable actions, the more things that get accomplished the better the chances for getting state grant money
- Review of DCS (Div. of Conservation Services) Grant Programs
 - Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND)
 - Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC)
 - Land continuity important factor
- Role of the committee is to ensure Plainville's specific local open space and preservation requirements are met
- Review of Community Surveys
 - Norton and Westport community survey review and discussion
 - Understanding public opinion on what to do with land
 - Public input required to get grants
 - Can get conditional acceptance on grants, but need to have survey complete to finalize grant acceptance
- Review of Appendix I: Preparing an Open Space and Recreation Plan Update
 - Sections 6-7 will come from surveys
 - 2005-2013 MA Audubon Top 10 fastest loss of land – Plainville #8
 - Certified cold-water streams, treated like an "outstanding resource water" – Dept. of Fish & Game Steve Hurley

- Discussion of lands walked to date
 - Reach out to Crystal Springs to see what lands they own
 - Potential connection to Mansfield biking trails leading to through Norton into Taunton
 - Pathways could be funded through Transportation funding (ways to get across Rt. 1)
 - Next walk will be Rail Path, very muddy, lots of trash
- General Discussion
 - Send survey reminders with tax bills
 - Survey time ~3 weeks
 - Raffle entry for completing survey
 - Removal of aquatic invasives, such as Mirimichi, potentially eligible for funding
- Next Steps
 - Survey is #1 priority – read Norton/Westport prepare for Plainville version
 - Read old plan, make notes
 - Next meeting 3-4 weeks out; review Survey & SRPEDD progress
 - Limit meeting times to 2 hours max
 - Preferred time and days; 6:30 M, Tu, W

8:38PM Ms. Norman motion to adjourn, Mr. Wegiel seconded, passed 7-0-0