

**Plainville Open Space & Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes of April 30, 2019**

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A meeting of the Plainville Open Space & Recreation Committee (OSRC) was held on 04/30/2019 in the Plainville Senior Center.

Committee members present:

Marcia Benes, Dawn Denizkurt, Lou LeBlanc, Tom McHugh, Sherry Norman, John Sorel, John Wegiel

Members absent/late:

Carol Lewicki (arrived at 6:15pm), Jack Shepardson

Staff: Chris Yarworth, Conservation Agent

The meeting opened at: 6:03pm.

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**General Business:**

Mr. Yarworth informed the OSRC that he had received an email from Mr. Shepardson tendering his resignation from the committee. An opening will be available if members know of anyone interested.

Open Space & Recreation Plan Update

Bill Napolitano of SRPEDD updated the OSRC on the status of the plan. It is mostly completed. He provided a CD to each member for review. Comments are requested by May 14. Bill has completed draft Sections 1-9 as well as an introduction and appendixes with reference materials. Additional work on ADA compliance still needs to be done. Bill will meet with Chris and John Teiner to complete that portion. Carol will send Bill some town pictures of open spaces to help enliven the plan.

The committee discussed issues including local farming, the MVP grant submittal, rail trail construction and coordination with abutting towns, possible additional grant opportunities for the bathrooms at Field of Dreams and the 18 acres off Cowell Street that may be donated as part of a three lot development. Bill stated he would make himself available 24/7 to assist the OSRC with grant applications and bylaws since he enjoys Plainville so much.

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Plastic Waste Reduction Bylaw

Annette Grady explained the rationale behind her citizens petition to adopt a Plastic Waste Reduction Bylaw at the June Town Meeting. She went over the handouts and PowerPoint slides she had prepared, and showed the OSRC samples of various bags types. Sales of single use plastic bags less than 4 mils would not be allowed in retail establishments. The bags do not

biodegrade, are damaging to the environment, and are infiltrating our food chain. The Town only recycles plastics labeled type 1, 2 or 3. It is not cost effective to recycle the thin bags, and they jam the recycling machines if they enter the waste stream. She provided samples of educational handouts. The bylaw allows a transition time to minimize financial impacts to small retailers.

**Motion by Ms. Lewicki and seconded by Mr. Wegiel to support the proposed plastic waste reduction bylaw at Town Meeting.** Passed 6-0-2 (LeBlanc, Denizkurt abstaining)

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The Community Preservation Committee Bylaw has been sent to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion on the Town Meeting warrant. The OSRC will sponsor the article.

The Board of Selectmen have approved the rules and regulations for Hawkins Woods.

The Snow Moon festival was a rousing success and had fantastic turnout from the public. It was suggested that events be held quarterly. Mr. Sorel is planning a May event for children and families to provide free exposure to disc golf. He has obtained discs as a donation from Dicks Sporting Goods.

Reilly Tree has donated wood chips, equipment and personnel to help clean up Hawkins Woods and removed tree stumps and debris. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Hawkins Woods now has an official address of 118A Hawkins Street.

**Motion by Mr. Sorel and seconded by Mr. Wegiel to approve the minutes from the 01/29/2019 meeting.** Passed 8-0-0

Future meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Sherry and Tom discussed Plainville trash pickup day. Tom has been coordinating with Neil Rhein at Keep Massachusetts Beautiful. Dell Computers can provide volunteers as part of a work program they have available. Tom recommended that a cleanup of Route 152 from Lowes to Route 106 be performed. May 31 and June 1 were proposed dates. Tom will work on a website and coordinate with Sherry on the cleanup. Lou will check with Gary Kettell about getting a dumpster. Tom and Lou will check on the availability of bags and gloves.

**Motion by Ms. Norman and seconded by Mr. McHugh to adjourn at 8:22PM.** Passed 8-0-0

Submitted by:  
Christopher Yarworth, Conservation Agent