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Open Space and Recreation Committee

September 14, 2016

Town Hall, Room 7 ♦ 6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mike Chapman, Helen Bethell, Francie Caudill, Connie Sullivan and Jared Porter

Members Absent: Steve Jaworski

Others Present: Mary Reilly

Mike Chapman, Chair, opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda. He asked if anyone wanted to add to the agenda. Helen Bethell said that she would like to have a short discussion on applying for CPA funds to do some outreach. She spoke with Woody Kelly (co-chair of the CPC) who indicated to Helen that it would be fine.

Meeting Minutes

Mary Reilly introduced a new member to the OSRC, Jared Porter who will be representing the Bicycle Pedestrian Committee. Members welcomed Jared to the committee.

The meeting minutes of 5/25/16 and 6/22/16 were approved by the committee:

Motion to approve the minutes of 5/25/16 by Connie Sullivan

- Seconded by Helen Bethell
- All voted in favor

Motion to approve the minutes of 6/22/16 by Helen Bethell

- Seconded by Jared Porter
- All voted in favor

Follow-up from the Previous OSRC Meeting

- Mike Chapman has not been able to get in touch with Bill Vachon (of MECT) about trail markers at Powder House Hill.
- No updates from Steve Jaworski re footbridge repairs at Dexter Pond. This will be deferred to the next meeting.
- Mike Chapman announced that there is a cleanup at Winthrop Field which is being co-sponsored by the OSRC, the Winthrop Field Committee and the high school Green Team. Mike said that this was coming up on Saturday and would be held from 9 am - noon.

Master Plan Committee Meeting

Helen Bethell reported that she attended a Master Plan Committee meeting which was coordinated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) to discuss Manchester's environmental concerns.

She reported that each attendee was asked to give a 2 minute summary of their highest concerns. Harbor and dredging was very high on the list. Also, flooding was discussed. Helen added water supply protection as being important to the town.

Helen suggested that we try to get some money to do some outreach. She spoke with Amy Blondin who does GIS work for MECT about doing some outreach mapping to be used to let the public know what this committee is doing. The committee

Other venues for outreach:

- Town meeting (could have hand-outs)
- Other public events (business meetings, schools, etc.)

Mike suggested that we try to get money from the CPC committee and that the paper work is fairly simple. The OSRC will discuss potential projects at a future meeting.

Old/New Business

- Notice from Essex County Greenbelt announcing Open Space Conference at Northern Essex Community College on Nov 12.
- Update on Gourdeau property: Mary Reilly updated the committee on the status of acquiring (or protecting) the Gourdeau parcel in the Gravelly/Round Pond watershed. Mary is following up with Peter Gourdeau and Chris LaPointe from Essex County Greenbelt.

Seven Year Work Plan Updates

- Mary stated that the committee needs to look over what we've accomplished so far on the work plan. Mike and Mary will take a look and summarize the progress and will ask members to report on their respective areas of the plan.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 10/19/16 at 6:30 pm.

Jared Porter moved that the meeting be adjourned.