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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of [January 5, 2022](#)

The following OSRC members were present:

Bob LoPorto – Board of Selectman Designee, Chair
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission, Vice Chair
Edith Graichen – Member At-large
Erik [DeAvila](#) – Conservation Commission Representative
Stephanie Radner – Member At-large
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee
James McGrail – Planning Board

Patrick Hogan – Assistant Conservation Agent was present

Jim Maher – [former](#) Parks and Rec Commissioner was present

No OSRC members were absent

Bob LoPorto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public comment – No members of the public made comment.
2. Grant calendar
 - a. Either this committee or subcommittee would work with Town Planner to apply for any upcoming grants.
 - b. Stephanie's Dedham [Cultural Council](#) Grant (for gardens) was approved
 - c. Edith suggested reviewing OSRC priorities and pursuing related grants
 - d. Stephanie would like for the OSRC to look for collaborators on the grants
3. Dedham Open Space Summit meeting idea
 - a. Bob would like to work with Conservation Commission and other boards to outline department/boards roles, responsibilities, and current top projects.
 - b. Bob is looking to propose a formal plan for an annual summit meeting.
 - c. Stephanie proposed to separate community-base entities.
 - d. Stephanie recommended reviewing the OSRC Plan and ensuring other committees/boards are aware of action items listed or to revise the current plan.

4. GIS Update
 - a. Bob has a meeting set up with the GIS Dedham Team on Jan. 14, 2022 to review the OSRC items for the GIS map.
5. Discuss ideas of projects to fund with the assets from the [Planning Department](#)
 - a. Improving/updating signage on Dedham trails. The amount is \$25,000.
 - i. Water Trails replacement
 - ii. Conservation Land
 1. [Dedham](#) Town Forest
 2. Wigwam Pond ([by A Tent For Rent](#))
 3. [Fowl Meadow](#)
 4. [Stony Lea Road](#)
 5. [Wigwam Pond \(near Memorial Field\)](#)
 - ~~5-6.~~ [Little Wigwam Pond \(behind Boch Ice\)](#)
 - iii. Dedham Trails
 - b. Invasive plants removal/replacement was also discussed
 - c. Plantings at Mill Pond Park
 - d. Parks and Rec has a \$5,000 line item for trail maintenance, it is not targeted for signs.
 - e. Blue Hills Regional maybe an option for creating signs.
6. Old/New business*
 - a. Tree stand in Town Forest
 - i. Hunting may be prohibited in Dedham and the stand should be removed
7. Next meeting, **Tuesday, Feb 1, 2022** 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.