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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of May 2, 2022

The following OSRC members were present:

- Bob LoPorto Board of Selectman Designee, Chair
- Jonathan Briggs Parks & Rec Commission, Vice Chair
- Erik DeAvila Conservation Commission Representative
- James Maher Member At-large

Patrick Hogan – Assistant Conservation Agent was present

OSRC members were absent

- Matthew Jasmin Engineer to the Committee
- James McGrail Planning Board
- Edith Graichen Member At-large

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

1. Public comment – no comment

2. Minutes from 4/4/2022 were unanimously approved

3. Sign Restoration:

a. Bob had spoken to Jeremy Rosenberger the town Planning Director and he relayed the information about how the sign restoration which the Open Space committee had voted on and approved didn't fit the criteria of the original intent of the funds we is for environmental maintenance. Instead, the funds will be used in part of the Wigham Pond project. In addition, the funds have been cut from Jeremy's budget for the next fiscal year.

4. Wigham Pond Project:

a. There were discussions about the possibility of a bridge connecting Rustcraft Field to Legacy Place and a possible boardwalk at the end of Stergis Way if those buildings are replaced.

b. There were additional discussions about the possibility of getting donations from the companies along route 1 to help pay for possible projects of Wigham pond in the future

5. GIS update:

a. Eman has resigned from the job, the GIS department is looking for someone to hire to replace Eman. We are going to work on filling in the spreadsheet of all the information needed for the GIS map and then once the new person is up and running at the GIS department, we will be ready with all the information they will need for the GIS map.

6. One bag event:

a. Bob wasn't able to get the numbers for the event and Bob will bring them to the next meeting to share.

7. Grant Options:

a. There was conversation around the possibility of applying for a future grant related to sun safety, which the Parks and Rec along with the Board of Health have supplied for the town.

8. New/Old Business:

a. Discussion related to Jason Mammone participating in a hydrology study, which will study the infiltration of the water table in and around Dedham.

9. Schedule next meeting – Next meeting will be June 6th at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm