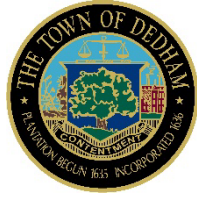


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## TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

### Minutes of **November 1, 2022**

#### **The following OSRC members were present:**

Bob LoPorto – Board of Selectman Designee, Chair  
Erik DeAvila – Conservation Commission Representative, Vice Chair  
Edith Graichen – Member At-large  
James Maher – Member At-large  
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission  
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee

#### **Elissa Brown – Rep. from Conservation Committee was present**

#### **OSRC members were absent**

James McGrail – Planning Board

**Bob LoPorto** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Public comment – no public comment
2. Minutes from 10/4/2022 meeting unanimously approve
3. Social media update
  - a. Elissa reported that Brady Winsted is taking over some outreach activities while Amanda is out. If there are items the committee would like posted- please submit to Elissa.
  - b. Elissa will find out if an OSRC FaceBook page could be generated and whether a member could be the administrators for the page or how would the committee post.
4. Annual budget update
  - a. The previous \$25,000 was used for an environmental management issue (the Wigwam Pond watershed study).
  - b. Elissa reported that the committee should request funding for projects as planned. She thinks it unlikely that the committee will be provided with a set amount in the budget without a specific project in mind.
  - c. Jim recommended the committee submit for the funding to update the signs around town.

- d. Jon had previously cataloged the signs that needed repair/replacement. The committee will create the list and is asking for assistance to find original manufacturers for repair/replacement.
  - e. Erik asked if the OSRC does not get funding for the sign repair/replacement can the request be included under the Conservation Committee/Planning Board.
  - f. Once a proposal/request is created, Bob will present to Leon.
5. GIS/Google map update
- a. Matt provided an update. He investigated adding the amenities columns. There is the ability but it can be too overwhelming on the Google Maps. Matt's recommendation is to limit it to approximately 5 sites for additional amenities added.
  - b. Jon would like the sites to have more description than just name and address.
  - c. Matt will review the updates. The committee will review and submit for a vote at the next meeting.
  - d. Jon also would like to see the QR codes to be posted.
6. Fitness court update
- a. The Parks & Rec department declined to fund any portion of this proposal.
  - b. Bob will meet with the Fitness Court Rep to determine if there is a way to get sponsorship for funding.
7. Neighborhood outreach grant
- a. Bob reviewed the grant proposal and shared ideas.
    - i. Stephanie (through Bob) shared ideas:
      - 1. Mailing/Pamphlets – historical information and conservation efforts to large property owner
      - 2. No Mow May signs
    - ii. Jon reminded the committee that there was a previous mailing to private landowners with larger parcels of property.
    - iii. Cleanup campaign mailing
8. Discussion of goals
- a. Priorities from the Master Plan were reviewed.
    - i. Access
    - ii. Out Reach
    - iii. Cleanup
  - b. Previous discussed topics address some of these items
    - i. Erik and Elissa reviewed areas around town that typically require cleanup for future events.
    - ii. Bob would like to expand the cleanup campaign beyond the week in April.
9. Old/New business\*
- a. Jon announced listening session, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm regarding Havey Beach feasibility study.
  - b. Jim thanked Bob for attending and representing the OSRC at the Welcome Neighbors event.
10. Next meeting – Monday Dec. 5, 2022 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm