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## TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

### Minutes of **September 14, 2022**

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

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

#### **Patrick Hogan – Assistant Conservation Agent was present**

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

Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee  
James McGrail – Planning Board

**Bob LoPorto** called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Public comment – no public comment
2. Minutes from 8/2/2022 meeting unanimously approve
3. GIS/Google map update
  - a. The committee agrees that a Google Map option will work in place of the GIS map, while GIS is in process of hiring a new person to oversee and create the Dedham GIS map.
  - b. The town would like it to be on a town Google site rather than a private person.
4. Fitness Court discussion
  - a. Bob shared his knowledge of another town's Fitness Court and how it is organized.
  - b. Bob talked to the manager and the price is \$200,000. The manger of the National Fitness Campaign is aware of grants and works with towns to find sponsors.
  - c. Discussion included questions related to location and funding, including possible proposed locations and funding partners.
  - d. Jon raised concerns regarding the existing fitness equipment at Gonzales park and focus on increasing awareness and use.

- e. The committee agreed with a vote of 4 to 1 for Bob to move forward with discussing this project with other town departments/groups.
- 5. Social welcome document
  - a. Jim Maher will include with a letter from Bob re: OSRC and other town departments and groups for a Social Welcome document and new neighbor greeting gathering.
- 6. Old/New business\*
  - a. The Open Space Summit survey results were shared by Edith:
    - i. 5 agreeable responses, (Alix O'Connell, Stephanie Radar, Matthew Wells, & Jeremy Rosenberger); 1 unavailable response (Dimitri Sullivan), and 4 nonresponses (Denise Moroney, Joe Flanagan, John Bethoney, Leon Goodwin, & Nancy Baker). October 13 is the next best day for most participants.
    - ii. Bob will reach out directly to confirm attendance to all above.
  - b. Jim Maher shared that Bob needs to speak to Leon and Nancy regarding the \$25,000 that was removed from the OSRC budget line item, in hopes to move forward with last spring's OSRC sign restoration project.
  - c. 'No Mow May' signs campaign was brought to Bob via email. He will bring more information for the next meeting.
  - d. Erik is interested in OSRC increasing the presence on social media (e.g. Facebook page).
    - i. Patrick will check with Amanda and Stephanie regarding any current social media pages and who has access.
    - ii. This will be revisited through the next meeting agenda.
  - e. Procurement Director/Grant Writer, Rana Mana-Doerfer, has been hired by Town and has been invited to our next meeting.
- 7. The committee agreed to maintain the meeting schedule for the first Monday or Tuesday of each month; this would increase the likelihood of full participation and a regular meeting time.
  - a. Next meeting – Tuesday October 4, 2022 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm