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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of **February 6, 2023**

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

OSRC members were absent

James Maher – Member At-large
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission

Patrick Hogan, Assistant Conservation Agent was present
Stephanie Radner, Dedham resident for public comment

Bob LoPorto called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

1. Public comment

- a. Noreen Troccoli, 48 Morse Ave
 - i. Would like the committee to join with the Dedham Democratic Town Committee to create a teambuilding event on or around Earth Day.
- b. Stephanie Radner
 - i. Joining to hear about the OSRC/CC consolidation discussion.
 - ii. Would like to share about the drinking water supply and aquifer protection overlay in Dedham. Some residents are concerned about possible future development of Dorothea Endicott property (Common Street/Haven Street) and how aquifers might be affected (see comment by Jim McGrail below)
 - iii. Review of OSRP – comment about 20% assigned to Environmental Dept. that no longer exists. These items would need to be reassigned.
- c. Jim shared that there is a parcel of land that is up for sale between the MIT Endicott house and the Northeastern property.
 - i. No proposal or plan has been submitted to the Planning Board.

- ii. Stephanie suggested an FAQ for the community about how any project of this size might proceed.
- 2. OSRC/Conservation Commission Consolidation
 - a. Bob is in favor of consolidation.
 - b. Edith expressed concern about CC not having sufficient resources to take on the OSRC work.
 - c. Jim and Erik expressed an option of the OSRC joining quarterly with other committees.
- 3. Open Space Plan Review and Update Discussion
 - a. In order to apply for grants the Town would need to have an active plan.
 - b. An update of the plan needs to be approved by 2026.
 - c. The committee agreed to work through a section at every monthly meeting.
- 4. Wigwam Pond Committee Update
 - a. ^{[]}_{SEP}Erik provided an update and will be attending the next meeting
 - b. A Wigwam watershed report has been recently provided.
- 5. Fitness Court Update
 - a. Bob continues to be in communication to see if he can get funding.
- 6. Neighborhood Outreach Grant
 - a. Discussion at next meeting
- 7. Open Space Summit Update
 - a. Town Summit Meeting is being scheduled, Feb. 28th, 6:30-9:00 pm through Nancy Baker.
 - b. Each committee will have 7-10 minutes to share upcoming initiatives.
 - c. Bob LoPorto will attend from OSRC
- 8. Old/New business* ^{[]}_{SEP}
 - a. Approve minutes from Dec. 5, 2022 and Jan. 10, 2023 to be approved next meeting
 - b. May meeting should have a OSRC restructuring – Bob stated he will not be accepting the Chair position.
- 9. Schedule next meeting ^{[]}_{SEP}
 - a. Monday March 6, 2023 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm