

OSC Meeting Minutes 10/24/22 *approved 11/28/22*

Meeting called to order by Larry at 7:04pm. This meeting is Zoom recorded.

Members Present: Norm Beebe, Joel Dwight, Larry Flaccus, Jim Perry, David Schochet

Guests: Andrea Donlon

Minutes from the 9/26/22 meeting were reviewed. A small change was made regarding Recreation Committee funds, then accepted unanimously as amended. Motion by Norm Beebe, seconded by Jim Perry.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey

Andrea explained **paper surveys** will be manually entered into the e-survey. There was discussion concerning how the questions break up per page on the paper version. Andrea will look into a method to **reduce the number of pages making up the paper version.**

Norm wondered if there could be **an option to join the Rec Committee list serve on the survey.** **Andrea will work on adding the option of being put on the Rec Committee list serve.** The survey will pretty much be ready to go out at that point.

Andrea told us Kimberly suggested **costs could be saved** by doing a postcard mailing with a QR code. She also suggested a **flyer or a postcard might be placed** where they could be picked up at town voting. **Norm will approach Joe Judd about the legalities of that.** Andrea suggested **Norm ask Joe about bulk mailing the postcards because FRCOG no longer has their bulk mailing permit.** Larry suggested Adams Direct Mail might be able to handle it but will probably need to use some entities bulk mail permit.

Jim wondered if the **formatting could be changed to make the paper version better.** Andrea said she could do it but it would take her quite a lot of time but that it could be done quicker in Word, which she doesn't have access to. **Norm thought he might** have someone that could put it into Word just to see how the formatting would change.

Norm will also see if Joe Judd has a list of Shelburne residents we could use as a mailing list and if we could send out a notice on a town wide phone call. Larry suggested November 15 to January 15 as a time frame for the survey to be taken with a look at how well it is going in December. **Jim will work on a an article for the town newsletter.**

Norm will also speak with Andrew Baker about the postcards concerning the CPA that Andrew is doing through Adams Direct Mail. Larry suggested 200 extra postcards be put in various locations to be picked up. Andrea suggested asking Andrew how many postcards he had placed out for random pick up.

Larry wondered about **the cost for the Open Space and Recreation Plan update** as the OSC was cut out of a \$20,000 grant opportunity which leaves us with \$7,000 from FRCOG and \$7,000 from OSC funds. He

suggests asking the Select Board for 2023 DLTA money. Andrea said Kimberly and Peggy might identify funds which could be shifted around. Everyone thanked Andrea for her efforts and her patience.

Trail Status Updates

Jim reports he has been painting blazes and removing fallen trees on the Fire Tower Trail. Larry suggested Jim could post times when these activities were being engaged in and members might volunteer to help him.

Jim reports that on October 8th seven people, including four members of the OSC, went on the **Wooded Loop Trail hike which went very well**. This was the last in a series of four hikes. **The Senior Center has approached Jim about their interest in hikes**. Jim wondered how we might **increase the response** to engaging in hikes and Larry suggested the **upcoming survey might shed light on residents' interest**. Larry wondered about **liability** and Norm said the Rec Committee is covered by the town and he will ask Joe about liability on hikes in regard to the OSC and Jim. Larry suggested we try to get something in writing.

Recreation Committee Report

Norm reported that **pickleball** is planning on moving inside for cold weather. He also said a backboard is in the plans for practicing in the future. Senior walking and volleyball will be starting in November. There is a \$5 per person fee for activities inside the gym to help with maintenance costs with a small portion taken out to go to the Rec Committee.

No new business

No correspondence

No guest comments

Next meeting Monday, November 28th at 7pm by Zoom

Motion to adjourn made by Norm Beebe seconded by Jim Perry.

Meeting adjourned 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dwight
Secretary Pro Tem