

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
Open Space Committee Minutes 7/22/2024 **Minutes Approved 8/26/24**

**Meeting called to order by Larry Flaccus at 7:05pm.**

**Members Present:** Norm Beebe, Peggy Warwick, Jim Perry, Nina Talayco, Joel Dwight, Larry Flaccus, John Wheeler

**Members absent:** Joan LaPierre sent her regrets at being unable to attend.

**Guests:** Lara Radysh, Bob Higgins

**Administrative Notes:**

- Meeting Recorded on Zoom.
- Joel appointed Secretary Pro Tem
- Larry called for additional agenda items. None
- **Minutes from the June 24, 2024 OSC meeting** were reviewed and after minor edits and spelling corrections the minutes were accepted unanimously. ***Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Norm Beebe seconded by Nina Talayco***

**Ongoing business:**

- **Open Space Recreation Plan (OSRP) update** -Larry will post the new documents on the website. We are done with current work on the OSRP.
- **Mill Rd Survey** - No updates. Norm will contact the surveyor to see what progress has been made
- **Trail Status Updates:**
  - Jim has a volunteer who is brushing out the Ridge trail. There are three trees down that need some chainsaw work. Norm and Nina will try to coordinate to help Jim with the trees. Jim will send out a time and date that might work around the rainstorms.
  - The new pressure treated water bars are holding and performing very well.
  - Jim is working on a new Red Loop trail map.
- **Community Preservation Act (CPA):** Joan sent a note that they had a meeting on June 18 and there will be a public meeting on July 3.
- **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Committee (MVP):** We are still looking for a volunteer to represent the Open Space Committee on the MVP committee
- **OSC Material for Town Newsletter:** Jim said two articles were sent out for the August newsletter
- **Upcoming Walks:** On August 11 Cynthia Boettner will lead a walk to look at invasive plant species. The group will meet at Mohawk Trail Regional School at 9:00 am then continue to Rand road. On Sunday September 1st Peggy will lead a walk on the Wooded Loop Trail to look at late season flowering plants. The group will meet on the steps of the Arms library at 9:00am.
- **Woodland Partnership Grant Status:** Norm reported he hasn't heard anything about the new grant we applied for this year. There was a little money left in the original grant but it is too late in the process to roll that money over so it will not be able to be used.

- **Committee Liaison Reports:**
  - Agricultural Committee- no liaison present
  - Conservation Committee- no liaison present
  - Planning Board- John Wheeler reports John Hollings, a new planning board member, will be replacing John as the Planning Board liaison to the OSC. They are considering changes to storm water drainage guidelines. They are also looking into short term rental bylaws, mobile food establishments, and battery storage bylaws for solar arrays
  - Recreation Committee- Norm reports they have not met since our last meeting but they are thinking of how to proceed with the coating of the tennis courts.
  
- **Correspondence:** Rick La Pierre sent a note that non-residents can now serve on Shelburne Committees and they have a process for that approval. Jim remarked that there have been a couple of Buckland residents that expressed interest to join Shelburne OSC in the past but were denied.
  
- **Guest Comments-** Lara said Bob had sent a letter to the OSC e-mail. Larry said he checks it weekly but that it hasn't been working properly lately. He suggested they forward the material to him at his e-mail. Lara would like the OSC e-mail to be corrected and Larry will follow up on that. She said that she has been having difficulty contacting Larry and the OSC through e-mails. She would appreciate an acknowledgement of receipt of material that she sends. Larry said he responds to e-mails which require a response.
  
- **Motion to adjourn** made by Norm Beebe. Seconded by Jim Perry. Meeting adjourned 7:38pm
- **Next Meeting** - 8/26/24 by Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dwight Secretary pro tem