

Minutes of Open Space Committee Meeting January 22, 2018

Members present: Norm Beebe, Joel Dwight, Larry Flaccus, Linda Herrera, Tom Johnson, Jim Perry, and David Schochet,

Linda appointed Secretary ProTem
David called to order 7:10 pm
December 2017 minutes approved

New Business:

Annual Report – pushed to February Meeting
Budget for OSC – pushed to February Meeting
250th Celebration –pushed to February Meeting

Ongoing Business

Tree Walk –

Ryan Clary of FRCOG forwarded colored printed tree brochure to David, Larry and Jim, there are 4 corrections yet to be made, David will contact Ryan before final printing.

The **next step** is to bring the above draft with sample tree signs and speak with the owners nearest the designated trees on the walk. Arlene has supplied a list of these nearest owners, Joel is supplying the sample signage, a plan will be finalized at February meeting. Discussion will continue at February meeting in preparation of the owner's question.

Linda will speak with Jimmy Richardson (tree warden) to assure all the trees on printed brochure are healthy and correct and David will speak with Jim Stacy on the Historical Committee regarding the listed houses.

David will order the appropriate tree signs after February meeting. Suggestions for printing final brochure are Tech School, (Norm will contact) Prison Printing School,(Tom will contact) Copy Cat Printers, (Larry will contact) Paradise Printing (David will contact) Other fundraising for the printing is still being considered.

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Deerfield River in town hiking path-(River Trail) –

Jim and Norm met with FLT regarding their assistance for this trail's next step. FLT has informed OSC about a grant available for the trail assessment. DCR's grant application will take a request toward a trail assessment, the grant is through FRCOG. Norm has to contact all abutters and turn in the paperwork to FLT. Jim and Norm think the assessment could cost close to \$4000, the grant will not be awarded until fall.

In preparation of using good weather for a trail assessment, Norm suggests OSC put a request for **this feasibility of the trail study on the town warrant** to be voted on at Town Meeting. The Committee voted to forward this request to Terry for the listing.

Woodlands Partnership-

The Committee voted to authorize Larry to send OSC letters of support for the Woodlands Partnership Act to officials in Boston.

Next meeting February 26th
Meeting adjourned 9:05pm