

OSC Meeting Minutes 11/28/22

Approved 12/27/22

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Members present: Larry Flaccus, David Schochet, Norm Beebe, Jim Perry, Garth LaPointe, and Joel Dwight

Guests: Lara Radysh and Bob Higgins from Shelburne Falls and Andrea Donlon and Peggy Sloan from FRCOG

Minutes from 10/24/22 were reviewed and accepted after a few amendments. Motion to accept as amended by Jim Perry seconded by Norm Beebe.

Lara requested that the current meeting and all future meetings be recorded.

Larry told the group Peggy Warwick is planning on joining the group at 8 pm.

Activities and Issues in Support of the OSRP Survey

Andrea said survey notification post cards were mailed last week and 37 people have already responded. Jim put copies of the post cards at both libraries and the Town Hall. Andrea put up a few flyers and is willing to print out more if anyone is willing to put them up. Norm said Terry was going to post notification of the survey in the town newsletter with a link to the survey. Norm talked to Joe Judd about a town wide telephone announcement and Norm will follow up with Terry as that is a decision for the Select Board. Jim put two posters, about the survey, up on the hiking trails. Larry asked Andrea how one computer could be used by several household members to take the survey. Andrea will look into it but suggested people will need to use separate devices or use a paper survey because SurveyMonkey is set up to accept only one survey from an IP address. Andrea reported an 80-90% completion rate on the electronic surveys taken so far with a roughly average time of 18 minutes to complete a survey. She thinks the survey is going well. She will look into a survey reminder to be posted on Falls Television Cable. Jim noted there are several Shelburne Falls Facebook groups and he may be able to put a survey reminder there. Norm will talk with Whit Sanford about getting a survey reminder on the Facebook group she moderates. Funding for Andrea's work is being provided in part by the District Local Technical Assistance Program. She will get in as much work as she can before the end of the year and then the town will have to re-up for 2023 funding with DLTAP. Larry said we have funds available to bridge the gap time so work on the survey can be continuous. We will have the survey results to use at the Community Meeting and in the Action Plan. FRCOG will be entering the paper survey results into the computer version at the end of the survey period. Jim will be collecting completed paper surveys at both libraries and the Town Hall. **Norm wondered if we were ending the survey at the beginning of January. Larry said we will assess how well the survey is going at our December meeting and decide then.**

Andrea asked if the write up on Shelburne history needed to be updated. She will send out a reminder to review the history section that is on the last OSRP which is posted on the Town website. Larry also

suggested Laurie Wheeler and Peggy Warwick might be helpful on updating the history. Andrea said **FRCOG might like to see it shortened and focus more on land use history.**

Before Andrea left the meeting the group chose **Tuesday December 20th at 7pm to be the date and time of our next meeting.** Motion to accept that meeting time made by Norm Beebe seconded by Jim Perry.

Committee Reports

Recreation Committee - Norm has located lumber for building a practice backboard. Garth noted that plywood backboards can be loud and Norm thought there was a plan for some noise deadening.

No correspondence. No visitor comments.

Announcements and Reminders

Garth said he was away for the last meeting and hadn't been on the Loop Trails for about a month. He went around them today and the only piece of trash he found was one aluminum gum wrapper. He stressed this indicated that trail users tended to clean up rather than litter.

Motion to adjourn made by Norm Beebe seconded by Garth LaPointe. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Next meeting Tuesday December 20th at 7 pm by Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Dwight
Secretary Pro Tem