

Shelburne Open Space Committee Meeting 9/25/2023 Minutes

(approved 10/23/23)

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held on Zoom and recorded.
Joel appointed secretary pro tem

Members Present: Larry Flaccus, David Schochet, Joan LaPierre, Peggy Warwick, Nina Talayco, Jim Perry, Norm Beebe, Joel Dwight

Guests: Andrea Donlon, FRCOG

Larry asked for new agenda items. Jim responded with tree planting at the elementary school.

OSC minutes of August 28, 2023 reviewed. Motion by Jim Perry. Second by Peggy Warwick and accepted unanimously as presented.

OSRP Update

- **Draft Section 9** - The Committee reviewed the section 9 action plan and made comments to simplify and clarify the document. Andrea will make the changes and send out a revised version.

Trail Status Updates - Jim reports he trimmed brush on the Ridge Trail between the Fire tower and Audubon. He also suggested we need to be thinking about long term maintenance for the trails as our members age. An Invasive Species Walk will be scheduled for next year. Peggy reported the Late Blooming Flowers for Pollination Walk was attended by a small group but went very well.

Recreation Committee Report - Norm reported pickle ball is ongoing. Bill Buck is leaving his post as Cowell Gym Director at the end of the month. Diana Hardena will be the Interim Director and there is an applicant that would like to be the new Director.

Reports from the Ag Committee, Conservation Committee, Planning Board.

No representatives attending

Correspondence - None

Guest Comments - None

Woodland Partnership Riparian Tree Planting: Jim shared with the group that riparian tree planting will take place at Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School on Oct 29, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to plant about 50 trees.

Wilcox Hollow: Jim also reports temporary repairs have been done to Wilcox Hollow road.

Gardner Falls Recreation Plan: Jim told the group a new Gardner Falls Recreation Plan has been filed with FREC with no input from local groups.

Announcements:

- Larry told the group about an upcoming Invasive Insect Program at UMass.
- Joel suggested that we start lobbying our state representatives to increase the Open Space Recreation Plan filing interval from the current 7 years to 10 or 12 years so we could be concentrating on the work at hand instead of spending all the time working on a plan that doesn't change that much for a small town.
- Jim said state representative Paul Mark will be at the Buckland Town Hall 9/26/23 from 10 am to 12 pm and that would be a good opportunity to bring the OSRP interval up with him.

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm, live in-person Public Forum on the draft OSRP at Memorial Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Perry. Seconded by Norm Beebe. Approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Dwight, Secretary ProTem