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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of **May 4, 2021**

The following OSRC members were present:

Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission
Edith Graichen – Member At-large
Bob LoPorto – Board of Selectman Designee
James McGrail – Planning Board
Stephanie Radner – Member At-large
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee
Michelle Kayserman – Chair

No OSRC members were absent.

The following staff and/or members of the public were present:

Emma

Michelle Kayserman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public Comment – Emma stated she is excited to be able to access the meetings in town via zoom.
2. Review and approve minutes from 3/23/2021 meeting - Approved
3. Recap Dedham cleanup / Just One Bag (Bob)
 - a. 65 People logged 86 hours of clean up and 83 bags of trash.
 - b. The committee will work with Sarah McDonald? to host another cleanup.
 - i. The committee recommended working through FB site and Dedham group:
 1. [Just One Bag FB](#)
4. MAPC Connectivity map (Matthew)
 - a. Rose O'Connor, GIS representative, is interested in assisting in developing and posting this information to the public.
 - b. Matt shared the MAPC maps, Stephanie shared Dedham Trails Town-wide Map

- c. Jon and Matt will be a subcommittee to create a user-friendly, migration of the public trail maps available.
5. OSRP Priority action items – progress/challenges
 - a. Topics are covered throughout other agenda items.
6. Access to town-owned open space – obstacles, outreach (Steph)
 - a. Lowder Street project has a proposal of about 20 acres of land that may be donated as public land with possible public access through the ECEC parking. This process is going through the Conservation Commission Committee and the Planning Board.
 - b. The committee held a unanimous vote to support the acquisition and public access to this space.
 - c. Wigwam Pond was raised as another area of open space to be made accessible to the public.
 - d. Stephanie suggested marking open space boundaries.
7. Brief update on grants/funding conversation (Bob/Steph)
 - a. Bob and Steph have been in conversations with Sarah McDonald, John Arnett, Leon Goodwin to identify ways to access available grants.
8. OSRC leadership/organization/subcommittees (Steph)
 - a. Michelle is resigning from this board and Steph would like to abstain from administrative tasks required for this board.
 - b. Edith will be posting the agendas prior to future meetings. Please submit agenda items in advance of posting.
9. Old/New Business
 - a. Finance Committee approved the funding requested toward the playground at Trenton Road location.
 - b. Other towns use Community Preservation Act funds to pay for some of these initiatives, (open space, housing, historical preservation). Dedham has voted this type of tax down multiple times in multiple formats.
 - c. Bob will reach out to John Arnett to clarify how to apply for a possible small town grant.
10. Next meeting scheduled for June 8, 2021, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at **8:30**.