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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of **September 7, 2021**

The following OSRC members were present:

Bob LoPorto – Board of Selectman Designee, Chair
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission, Vice Chair
Edith Graichen – Member At-large
Stephanie Radner – Member At-large
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee
James McGrail – Planning Board
Patrick Hogan – Assistant Conservation Agent

No OSRC members were absent.

No staff and/or members of the public were present.

Bob LoPorto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Public comment – No public comment
2. Review and approve minutes from 6/8/2021 meeting – Unanimously approved.
 - a. Current and all recently approved minutes have been submitted to Amanda Smith for posting to public website.
3. Stephanie Radar announced Erik DeAvila's appointment as the Conservation Commission representative. She has requested that her At-large position/vacancy be posted.
4. Patrick Hogan is the new Assistant Conservation Agent for Dedham
 - a. Patrick shared his background and goals as working with the OSRC
 - i. Background in storm water and conservation
5. Matt Jasmin shared Geographic Information System department mapping options and potential next steps
 - a. Jon Briggs shared ideas of creating one map from the multiple maps already in existence on the Dedham website.

- b. Jim expressed an interest in developing a marketing campaign for people to learn about a Dedham GIS map.
 - c. Stephanie shared an example from another town and the use of the GIS maps.
 - i. Most open space data is available in the Open Space Recreation Plan
 - d. Patrick Hogan reported that the Town is committed to the current format present on the website.
6. Google drive folder update
- a. The group discussed the option of accessing documents housed in a Google Drive or space in Dropbox for members to keep updated.
 - b. Patrick will reach out to Amanda Smith regarding access to Dropbox space.
7. Focus of the group going forward
- a. Bob reviewed long term and short term projects stated by committee members at a previous meeting.
 - i. Jim discussed the ongoing property at Wigwam Pond and the publics' desire for access when developed.
 - ii. Matt expressed interest in the group moving forward with increasing community access to open spaces.
 - iii. Stephanie proposed this committee craft a letter encouraging public access to Wigwam Pond with the new development.
 - iv. There is a meeting on Sept. 14 on the space of the old police station. Members are encouraged to attend.
 - v. Stephanie would like to see this committee work with the Conservation Committee and advocate for continued and enhanced protections for the Charles River and its banks.
 - vi. Jim raised concern regarding the PRD bylaw and is hoping to ensure that the language it aiding in the protection/access of open space within the town.
8. Bob has worked with Amanda Smith to update OSRC website
- a. This includes the most recent minutes and agenda
9. Old/New business*
- a. Lowder Street update provided by Jim McGrail. The developer has moved forward with the Planning Board to continue the approval process. Jim will continue to update this committee at future meetings.
 - i. The Planning Board will hold meetings with the public and the developer to discuss access to the green space that is part of project.
 - b. The Conservation Committee has shared an interest in working collaboratively with this committee on project priorities.
 - c. QR codes at Stony Lee (and other locations) need to be updated. Jon will look into that with the town.
10. Next meeting October 5, 2021 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.