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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of **December 6, 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
Erik DeAvila – Conservation Commission Representative
Stephanie Radner – Member At-large

Patrick Hogan – Assistant Conservation Agent was present
Jeremy Rosenberger – Dedham Town Planner was present

OSRC members who were absent:

James McGrail – Planning Board
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee

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

1. Public comment – No members of the public were present.
2. Review and approve minutes from 11/01/2021 meeting - unanimously approved with minor edits
3. Grant Calendar Update
 - a. There are funds available for this year. Are there areas the OSRC is interested in funding?
 - b. Ideas were presented:
 - i. Wigwam Pond recreation area access
 - ii. Signage refresh on current open spaces
 - iii. Trail marker in Town Forest trails
 - iv. Additional signage for other resources
 1. Historical walking trails
 - v. Area behind East Dedham Firehouse cleaned up
 1. Tree planting options were also discussed for this area

- vi. Invasive species removal
- 4. Providence Highway Recreation Feasibility Study
 - a. A large area of land along the VFW highway is being reviewed for an accessibility study to increase open space/recreation opportunities.
 - b. Considerations regarding these spaces were offered:
 - i. Boardwalks, walking trails, endangered species, invasive species
- 5. MassTrails Grant Opportunities
 - a. MassTrails noting that the 2022 MassTrails Grant Round and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program are now open. Jeremy Rosenberger, Dedham Town Planner, requested that the OSRC discuss possible uses for the funds and whether any should be pursued. This grant is for the next fiscal year.
 - b. This grant requires a 20% match, which could be the extra funding for this fiscal year.
- 6. GIS update
 - a. Bob has reached out to get a meeting set up.
- 7. Educational opportunities
 - a. Jef Taylor – Nature guide in East Dedham – Stephanie will reach out to inquire about an offering.
 - b. Discussion about bringing in opportunities to offer to the community.
 - i. Generating a list of options
 - ii. Creating an “Environmental Day” with multiple activities
 - 1. Members will generate ideas to share at the next meeting
 - iii. Ongoing options website – scavenger hunt...
- 8. Old/New business*
 - a. Stephanie will pass on digital files to Bob.
- 9. Next meeting, **Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022** 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.