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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of **February 1, 2022**

The following OSRC members were present:

Bob LoPorto – Board of Selectman Designee, Chair
Edith Graichen – Member At-large
James Maher – Member At-large
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee

Patrick Hogan – Assistant Conservation Agent was present

OSRC members were absent

Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission, Vice Chair
Erik DeAvila – Conservation Commission Representative
James McGrail – Planning Board

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

1. Public comment
 - a. Stephanie Radner - Resident
 - i. Planning board meeting Feb 9th at 6pm is related to the open space portion of the Lowder Street property to be donated to the Town of Dedham.
 - ii. Stephanie encourages the OSRC to attend and share an opinion related to the access to the property.
 - iii. Stephanie shared opinion that the current plan may limit access by all members of the community except abutters.
2. Welcome our new member Jim Maher
3. Review and approve minutes from 1/5/2022 meeting – quorum not available to approve – postponed approval to next meeting
4. GIS update
 - a. Matt J is working to provide a list that can be put in to the GIS form that is accessible to the public. The need for funding may be forthcoming.

- b. Jim M suggested reviewing Paper Roads, through GIS system.
- 5. Utilizing assets for updating signage
 - a. Jon sent a signage audit throughout the Town properties.
 - b. Jim M. shared that the signs may need updates without listing “hours” given that some of the spaces have no walking trails.
 - c. If signage does not spend the funds available then plantings at Mill Pond may be an option.
 - d. Jim M suggested adding signage at the intersection of Dedham Trails and trail headed towards NewBridge trails
 - e. Jim M suggested using extra funds to professionally print the OSRC Plan.
 - f. Jim M suggested exploring the building of connecting walkways in/to Neighborhood and its resources.(Greenlodge/Manor Path, Paul Park Path, Ledgewood Path to Greenlodge School) and potential paths on Sprague Street to Tower and Beech Street to Turner.
 - g. The Committee unanimously approved using the funds in the following priority:
 - i. Updating signage on Open Spaces throughout town
 - ii. Professionally printing copies of the OSRC Plan for libraries throughout town (Public branches and Middle/High Schools)
 - iii. Plantings at Mill Pond
- 6. OSC Summit idea update
 - a. Bob is looking at options for a future meeting
- 7. Environmental Day idea continued discussion
 - a. Bob tabled this idea for a future discussion when other committee members will be present
- 8. One bag event in April
 - a. This was completed last year. It is recommended to participate again, scheduling around Earth Day in April.
 - b. Edith will connect with Dedham Civic Pride and Town Public Information Officer on behalf of OSRC
- 9. Grant ideas reviewed
 - a. Bob would be responsible to bring any grants to the Planning Board and acquire town needs/signatures to win grant awards
 - b. The committee agreed to review grants related to trails, access, and interpretive science
- 10. Old/New business*
 - a. The committee is encourage to attend the Planning Board meeting related to Lowder Street open space access.
 - b. Jim M would like the committee to consider ideas to increase community knowledge and history of neighborhoods.
- 11. Next meeting, **Monday, March 7, 2022** 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.