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## TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

### Minutes of **October 4, 2022**

#### **The following OSRC members were present:**

Bob LoPorto – Board of Selectman Designee, Chair  
Erik DeAvila – Conservation Commission Representative, Vice Chair  
Edith Graichen – Member At-large  
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission  
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee

**Elissa Brown – Rep. from Conservation Committee was present**  
**Rana Mana-Doefer – Director of Procurement**

#### **OSRC members were absent**

James McGrail – Planning Board  
James Maher – Member At-large

**Bob LoPorto** called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Public comment – no public comment
2. Minutes from 9/14/2022 meeting unanimously approve
3. Grant discussion – Rana
  - a. Rana provided an overview of the grant types.
  - b. Rana shared recent grant applications
    - i. Land & Water conservation fund was rejected
    - ii. 400K was awarded by Green grant from the state
  - c. Rana reviewed and answered questions related to the process of procuring/applying grant funds.
  - d. The group discussed the timing for proposing additional funds to the town budget.
  - e. Priorities from the Master Plan were reviewed:
    - i. Access
    - ii. Out Reach
    - iii. Cleanup

4. Old/New business\*
  - a. Erik spoke with Patrick and Stephanie regarding social media. Amanda will address when she returns.
  - b. The Open Space Summit has been pushed out to next month.
  - c. The \$25,000 previously discuss was set up to be used for water study.
    - i. Bob would like clarity on the yearly \$25,000 for each fiscal year.
  - d. GIS/Google Maps update – Matt shared the link for the Dedham Open Space Google Map.
  - e. Fitness Court update – Bob has reached out to other towns and is gathering the experiences of other towns that have installed the Fitness Court Park.
  - f. Bob provided Jim M with a letter for a Welcome packet for new families to the Manor community.
  - g. Brian Pulmmer from Transportation Advisory Committee reached out regarding the need to cross the street to follow the Cutler Park Trail on Great Plain Ave. This may be an option to apply for MassTrails grant.
  - h. Jon would like a future agenda to include discussions and options for grants to support connecting all parts of Dedham through trails/walkable.
5. The committee agreed to maintain the meeting schedule for the first Monday or Tuesday of each month; this would increase the likelihood of full participation and a regular meeting time.
  - a. Next meeting – Tuesday Nov. 1, 2022 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm