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TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

Minutes of **December 5, 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, Clerk
James Maher – Member At-large
Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee

OSRC members were absent

James McGrail – Planning Board
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission

School Rehab Committee representative

John Tocci

Bob LoPorto called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Public comment – no public comment
2. Minutes from 11/1/2022 meeting unanimously approve
3. Social Media update
 - a. The committee is waiting for Amanda S to return from a leave at the end of the year.
4. GIS/Google map update
 - a. The committee unanimously approved releasing the Google Map to the town for posting on the Town website.
5. Wigwam Pond meeting 12/10 10 am, Dedham Middle School
 - a. Reminder for committee members to attend.
 - b. Jim and Erik attended the first meeting.
 - i. The committee agrees that access with trails, water access, and possible other recreation activities would be OSRC priority.
6. Fitness Court update
 - a. Bob is meeting with a Fitness Court representative to further investigate funding.

7. Neighborhood outreach grant
 - a. This grant, if awarded, needs to be completed and submitted for reimbursement by April. Continue discussion and options at next meeting.
8. Discussion of goals
 - a. Priorities from the Open Space & Recreation Plan were reviewed.
 - i. Access
 - ii. Out Reach
 - iii. Cleanup
 - b. Jim asked if a hard copy of the OSRC Plan could be present at these meetings.
9. Open Space Summit -set agenda and schedule date.
 - a. Bob will send the agenda to Edith who will contact the requested personnel to attend, Wednesday Feb. 8, 2023, 8:00 am.
10. John Tocci from the School Rehab Committee – Oakdale School Project
 - a. John shared the various options the School Rehab Committee is looking at and where the potential space might be available for building.
 - b. Three current schools populations are involved in the considerations, Oakdale, Greenlodge, and Riverdale.
 - c. The School Rehab Committee is investigating the locations including the option of using one of the current school sites.
 - d. The committee members discussed and shared personal opinions with John, regarding options for the new elementary school(s).
11. Old/New business*
 - a. Paper streets – map roads that are not accessible
 - i. Jim would like for the committee to request the town open up streets for walking.
 - b. Town-owned parcels that local residents are using.
 - i. Jim would like for the town to investigate getting these properties back onto the tax rolls. Bob will bring the topic to the Select Board for discussion.
 - c. Jim would like for the Town to consider purchasing the open space across from the AliMed company.
12. Next meeting – Tuesday Jan. 10, 2023 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm