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## TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

### Minutes of **January 10, 2023**

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

Erik DeAvila – Conservation Commission Representative, Vice Chair  
Edith Graichen – Member At-large, Clerk  
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission  
James McGrail – Planning Board

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

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

#### **Jeremy Rosenberger, Planning Director was present**

#### **Elissa Brown, Rep. from Conservation Commission was present**

**Erik DeAvila** called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Public comment – no public comment
2. OSRC/Conservation Commission Consolidation
  - a. Jeremy provided a rationale for merging the OSRC into the Conservation Commission.
    - i. Jeremy provided background information and the ByLaw outlining the OSRC
    - ii. Jim McGrail offered the perspective that the current OSRC Plan is a well-written and thorough document. Updates and implementation should be the focus.
    - iii. Jeremy reminded the group that this committee does not have specific staffing or ability to fully monitor and manage the implementation of the plan.
    - iv. John reviewed how the current plan was written and the challenges that went into completing it.
    - v. Elissa reported that she has surveyed other towns. All agreed that a volunteer committee found writing the required OSRC plan was far more work than they committee anticipated and that they never wanted to try to do it themselves again.

- b. John stated his position that the OSRC would not fully fall under the CC. Also staff in the town building would be helpful for the duties listed for the OSRC.
  - c. Elissa stated her position that the Town needs more land stewardship and the consolidation would provide more ability to conduct that work.
  - d. John asked Jeremy to investigate the state requirements for OSRC / Plan.
  - e. Jeremy reviewed the potential proposal to move the duties to the ByLaws for the CC and ensure the CC would oversee and update the implementation of the OSRC Plan.
  - f. Edith proposed the next few meeting agendas include reviewing the OSRC Plan.
3. Social Media Update
- a. Erik spoke with Amanda
    - i. The Town is in the process of updating the FB and Town website. Any postings can be sent to her.
4. Wigwam Pond Meeting Follow-up
- a. Community meeting was in Dec – very successful
  - b. Community survey is out and will be reviewed and preliminary plans will be drafted
5. Fitness Court Update – Bob has this update for next meeting
6. Neighborhood Outreach Grant – To be moved to next meeting
7. Open Space Summit Update – Bob has this update for next meeting
8. Massachusetts Open Space Conference – Webinars Throughout February
- a. The committee is encouraged to attend
9. Old/New business\*
- a. Approve Dec. 5 minutes – postpone to next meeting
  - b. Next agenda include review OSRC Plan and Goals
10. Schedule next meeting
- a. Monday Feb 6, 2023 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm