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## TOWN OF DEDHAM Open Space and Recreation Committee

### Minutes of **March 6, 2023**

#### **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

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

Matthew Jasmin – Engineer to the Committee  
Jonathan Briggs – Parks & Rec Commission  
James McGrail – Planning Board

#### **Patrick Hogan, Assistant Conservation Agent was present**

**Bob LoPorto** called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

1. Public comment
2. Meeting Minutes Approval – postponed until quorum is present
3. Active Transportation Working Group Discussion, Guest: Danielle DeLuca
  - a. Founded in 2019
  - b. Refined goals
    - i. Setup 10 foot car lanes
    - ii. Setup network of bike lanes
    - iii. Building Road Safety Plan
      1. Vision Zero
      2. Town is looking for a way to provide multi-use lane on Common Street to Dolan Center
  - c. Previous work
    - i. Obtained 4 grants
      1. Safe Routes to School – Road signage and painting
      2. Safe Routes to School – Sidewalks
      3. Street Art Project – Needham Street (2 grants)

- ii. Move bus stop to Legacy Place
    - iii. Looking at snow removal
  - d. Money at federal level is available if the town would apply for available infrastructure grants
- 4. Grant Funding Review with Town Staff –Rana Mana-Doerfer
  - a. Shared role of current Director of Grants and Procurement position
  - b. Reviewed OSRP and sees overlap between committees
  - c. Grants to consider
    - i. AARP – Flagship grant to improve a wide range of topics for residents over 55
    - ii. T-Mobile Grant (cities and towns) to improve communal spaces to foster local connections
    - iii. Mass Trails Grant – opens November
      - 1. Erik suggests we look at Wigwam project for this grant
      - 2. Requires matching by town up to 20%
    - iv. Trail Accelerator Grant – increase quantity and quality of mountain bike trail systems
      - 1. May be an option for bike rack purchase
    - v. Conservation or Outdoor Recreation Community Assistance
      - 1. Planning, design, or technical expertise for conservation or outdoor recreation space
      - 2. Applications due on March 1 of every year
  - d. Rana suggested that the OSRC nominate a member to meet and stay on top of grants related to town open space.
- 5. Open Space Map
  - a. The committee agreed to have the current Google Map put on the Town website.
- 6. Town/Open Space Summit Update
  - a. Bob spoke at the summit on behalf of the OSRC – share our goals and to do list, including items for town departments
- 7. Wigwam Pond Committee Update
  - a. Initial draft stage, working with consultant and looking at 3 options
  - b. Most viable appears to be from Memorial Park to Rustcraft Dr.
- 8. Neighborhood Outreach Grant
  - a. Jim will look into
- 9. Open Space Plan Review – Section 1
  - a. To be moved to the next meeting
- 10. Old/New business
  - a. Earth Day Community Cleanup
  - b. Bob will print copies of the OSRP for the library
- 11. Monday April 3, 2023 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm