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MINUTES

Open Space Committee
October 16th, 2019, 7:00 pm
Weymouth Town Hall
Second Floor Kelly Room
75 Middle Street, 2nd Floor
Weymouth, MA 02189

Members Present: Andrew Hultin (Chair)

Karen Graham
Dave Henley
Al Donovan
Tania Taranovski
Wayne Mathews

Member Absent: Joe Haddock, Kathleen Swain, Kate Marshall

1. Approval of the minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes by the Wayne. Second Dave, minutes approved.
2. New Member Introductions – Wayne Mathews is introduced as a new member.
3. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update- Andrew Informs the committee that the OSRP is near completion and a survey on the action plan is online for public comment, all are encouraged to take the survey. Tania asks how the survey results are incorporated into the plan, Andrew explains that the survey results are directed to Horsley and Whitten who will evaluate the comments and see if further action is needed. Al asks what the next steps are for the plan and how it is approved, Andrew explains that the draft plan will be submitted to the state for comment and will require the Mayors and planning board approval. Once submitted to the state the Town will continue to be eligible to apply for grant funding.
4. Wessagusset Woodlot Overview –Andrew provides an overview of the Wessagusset woodlot, on which Mark Schneider and Doug Smock had presented on at the previous meeting. Their proposal was to make upgrades to the site, including the development of interpretive signage explaining the history of the first settlement of wessagusset.

Andrew Provides an overview of the site including existing trails, open green space and the memorial garden. Some potential improvements that are proposed include exploring options for marking, installing signage and new picnic tables as well as improving trails. The proposed signage could consist of three to four panels that would tell the history according to the specifications of the historical commission. Karen Graham suggested that Weymouth 400 might be interested in the historical aspect of this project.

5. Spring Open Space Projects Update- Andrew Updated the committee on the spring open space projects. Andrew explains that the intern who had completed some trail work at Cavern Rock Park in May was hired as a recreation staff for the remainder of the summer and was able to do trail work at woodbine Rd, Cavern Rock park, House Rock Park and Bradford Torrey. Andrew hopes to have a staff member again to do this work again for 2020. Andrew also discussed about having community groups involved in some of the trail maintenance which could involve the Open Space Committee, or an adopt-a-trail program. Karren expressed concern with the color of trail markers at Bradford Torrey, andrew explained that color choice is difficult and there will be an ongoing effort to evaluate the best way. Andrew shared with the group the final draft trailhead layouts for Bradford Torrey and Cavern Rock Park. Karen suggested that QR codes be explored to put on the trailheads and connect to maps on the town site. Al suggested different line weights on the map for different trails so that the layout can be seen on a black and white map. Andrew explained that the RT 18 entrance would likely not be completed until the Rt 18 widening project is complete. Cavern Rock Park and Woodbine are complete, Bradford Torrey and House Rock and getting close to being finished, and the great pond trail still needs some details to be worked out.

6. Next Meeting- to be determined

7. Adjournment



Andrew Hultin, Chair

01/08/2020
Date