

## Open Space Committee, January 24, 2023, Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Susan Girard-Irwin, Thomas Bow, Nick Norman, Janice Parky

**Also Present:** Susan Areson, Jeff Thibodeau and Barbara Carboni arrived during the meeting

Ms. Girard-Irwin called the meeting to order at 12:32

Minutes of January 13, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan:** The Committee is waiting for endorsements from various committees for the Plan. Various minor edits were discussed; Ms. Girard Irwin suggested sending them to Mr. Thibodeau to correct/incorporate. Ms. Areson felt the Committee needed to hear from Ms. Carboni. Mr. Thibodeau considers his work completed; she does not feel the report is not ready to be sent to the Selectmen for endorsement.

Mr. Thibodeau arrived at 12:45. Various edits and inclusions were discussed. Mr. Thibodeau stated that the Report is ready to be submitted to the State, short of comments from the Select Board and maps from the Cape Cod Commission.

Ms. Carboni arrived at 12:56. Inclusion of Health and Conservation Agent, Emily Bebee's comments was verified by Mr. Thibodeau. She also stated that endorsement letters from the Select Board and Town Manager were necessary before submission to the State and she would like to have endorsements from the other pertinent Committees before the Plan is given to the SB. Ms. Areson will send her comments to Mr. Thibodeau prior to requesting inclusion on Select Board's agenda, for February 28, 2023. Ms. Carboni spoke to the completion of the Plan; Mr. Thibodeau's contract is done, she and Mr. Thibodeau will have a conversation regarding edits. Mr. Thibodeau is willing to do the corrections.

Committee approved the Opens Space and Recreation Plan unanimously, with minor edits.

Discussion was had regarding final edits/Mr. Thibodeau's contract. Ms. Carboni requested final comments be sent to her. It is her preference, due to contractual agreement to have the Plan to the State by February 15, 2023, which would necessitate having it to the SB for their February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Areson stated that given SB meeting schedules the 28<sup>th</sup> was more reasonable and she will make every effort to ensure inclusion in agenda. Ms. Girard-Irwin will review the document for typographical errors.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 3, 2023, 12:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:23pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

