

Town of Mansfield
Open Space and Recreation Committee Minutes
May 13, 2019

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Present: Chair Diane Simms, Allen Bryer, Sharon Friedman, Perry DiMascio, Katelyn Gonyer (Conservation Agent), Christopher George (Recorder),

Guests: None

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Town of Mansfield Open Space and Recreation Committee was called to order at 7:00pm by Chair Diane Simms.

II. Scheduling On-Going Site Walks

Ms. Simms offers the following dates for the following sites:
July 10th, June 12th, August 14th, September 11th.

Taylors Hill on June 12.

Great Woods on July 10.

Marie Streese does not have sufficient parking.

Sweet Pond on August 14.

World War II Trail on September 11.

III. Update on-going tree work including Corp. Hardy and Great Woods

Ms. Gonyer asks Ms. Friedman for any information from when she and Mr. Cauldwell walked the site. Ms. Gonyer says she has a Girl Scout group going out to look at a Vernal Pool and she's going to have them do the crowning on an in-the-way tree. Ms. Gonyer mentions Ken Taylor said to let him know if they have any other areas in mind to let him know. She says they're going to try to appropriate the land acquisition fund to also allocate for land maintenance.

IV. Discuss and outline trail requirements for Conservation Commission and DPW-potential need for a trail/land O&M plan

Ms. Simms goes through each OSRC member sponsored trail and they add to a chart Ms. Simms has created detailing the trail, signage, trees, and other issues that may be pertinent.

Ms. Simms says they should focus on trails that are already defined and to not work on any new trails. Ms. Gonyer says some trails have gone feral in certain areas and suggests they discuss a reprint of maps that would include removal of these rogue trails. Ms. Friedman suggests having these trails marked for the Master Plan discussion for potential recovery.

Ms. Simms says she had wished that hunting could be stopped at Judy's Lane. She says this is not allowed because it's a portion of Great Woods where hunting is allowed. Ms. Gonyer says it shouldn't be too much of a concern as there are restrictions to hunting within a certain distance of residential areas.

Ms. Simms that any trail that has a juncture should have trail markers.

Ms. Gonyer says Ms. Simms and herself will discuss how to pursue these changes on Thursday. Ms. Gonyer suggests also looking to an outreach/volunteer program. She says she does have an Eagle Scout currently looking for a project.

V. Discuss and vote on OS&R plan 2019 goals

Ms. Simms says the Ms. Friedman has brought up the Master Plan as a part of their outreach. Ms. Simms goes over a list of committees, commissions, boards, and individuals that are responsible parties in the Open Space & Recreation plan.

- DPW
- Conservation Commission
- Recreation Commission
- Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee
- Select Board
- Finance Committee
- Capital Improvement Committee
- GIS Department
- NRT
- Keep Mansfield Beautiful

Mr. DiMascio says that they go through Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission for any general finance. Ms. Gonyer says yes, but it also depends on what it is. Ms. Simms asks when the Open Space plan will be redone. Ms. Gonyer says 2023. Ms. Gonyer says moving forward they should have a copy of the Open Space plan open to editing in the Google Docs; to have available when they redo the Open Space plan. Ms. Gonyer says when the Open Space plan was written there was no Open Space and Recreation Committee yet. Ms. Simms fields for volunteers to be liaisons to these parties.

Ms. Simms goes over her 2019 OSRC Goals and the Committee details the following:

- Clearly marked trails are added to Goal 1.
- The previous outreach information discussed is added to Goal 2.
- Community Outreach has been changed to include Town entities and certain community works. Terminology is also changed to Community Collaboration.
- Goal 3 has been changed to develop progress metrics.
- Goal 4 will be kept as one line without sub-bullets.

***Motion that the committee approve of the five main bullet goals with sub categories made by Ms. Friedman, 2nd by Mr. DiMascio, Vote 4-0 PASSED**

VI. Status of three (3) Trespass issue to be discussed at Conservation Commission's 05/20/2019 hearing

Ms. Simms said she will continue to keep this group updated on this matter. Mr. DiMascio asks if Conservation Commission has any issues that the DPW addresses for them. Ms. Gonyer says yes. She says she works with DPW a lot of vegetation management. She says it may not go to the Commission and she may just handle it internally.

VII. Discuss potential improvements to Fulton Pond

Item tabled until next meeting.

VIII. Discuss outreach to community including schools (k-12) to discuss a trail/land maintenance volunteer program. Discuss and update materials for Open Space & Recreation Committee of new Town website.

Item tabled until next meeting.

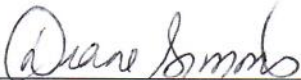
IX. Review Minutes

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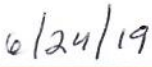
***Motion to accept the minutes from April 29, 2019 made by Ms. Friedman, 2nd by Mr. Bryer Vote 4-0 PASSED**

X. Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn at 8:51pm made by Ms. Friedman, 2nd by Mr. Bryer. Vote 4-0 PASSED**



Signature of Chair



Date Approved