



**Ashland  
Open Space  
& Recreation  
Committee**

Roberta Soolman,  
*Chairperson*  
William Child  
Martin Ring  
Beth Rosenblum  
Judith Sallet  
Amy Sayed  
Cindy Shields  
Jeanne Walker  
Greg Wands

Approved Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2016  
Town Hall, Ashland, MA

Members Present: William Child, Beth Rosenblum, Judith Sallet, Amy Sayed, Cindy Shields, Roberta Soolman, Jeanne Walker and Greg Wands (arrived at 9:15 pm)

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**Welcome/Introductions:** Ms. Soolman opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Minutes of November 18, 2015 were reviewed. Upon motion by Ms. Sallet, seconded by Ms. Walker, the minutes were approved as amended (5-0-2 with Ms. Rosenblum and Ms. Shields abstaining, and Mr. Wands not present).
- Minutes of March 8, 2016 were reviewed. Upon motion by Ms. Shields, seconded by Ms. Walker, the minutes were approved as written (6-0-1 with Ms. Sayed abstaining and Mr. Wands not present).
- Minutes of March 28, 2016 were reviewed. Upon motion by Ms. Sallet, seconded by Ms. Shields, the minutes were approved as amended (5-0-2 with Mr. Child and Ms. Walker abstaining and Mr. Wands not present).

**Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP):** To expedite completion of the OSRP, Ms. Soolman suggested a few proposals for the committee to consider.

1. The entire OSRC review the remaining chapters.
2. To choose three (3) members as the editing group to complete the final word-smithing and to conduct any remaining research.

The members of the OSRC discussed these logistics and all agreed that option #2 was the correct approach to take to complete the OSRP. Amy Sayed, Judith Sallet and Roberta Soolman volunteered to be the members of the editing group. All agreed.

**Action Plan:** The OSRC reviewed, updated and established timelines for completion of the Action Plan items, and agreed to the method that will be followed for seeking input from other boards and committees regarding their responsibilities. Ms. Soolman will inform the appropriate town boards and committees of their action items, and ask them to review and respond within a certain time line to be identified.

**Other Business:**

1. Reimbursement for \$50 Invoice for Bay Circuit Alliance Dues: Upon motion by Ms. Shields, seconded by Ms. Sallet, the Committee voted (7-0 Mr. Wands was not present) to reimburse Mr. Child for his expenditure.
2. ARA/ABA Forum: Ms. Sallet and Ms. Walker attended the forum the previous evening and summarized the discussion. A Town Green will be located at 125 Front Street; a gazebo is planned to be constructed on the site; a 3-5 year plan is being developed; downtown parking locations were discussed; the Town Green may or may not be a grassed area and



could be a multi-use surface; the existing Skate Park will be relocated to Stone Park; the Planning Board is performing a parking study; water and electricity are needed; a flower wall is being developed; Main Street will be re-paved; and downtown signage and branding was discussed.

3. Ms. Rosenblum reviewed the CPC warrant articles for Town Meeting.
4. Farmers Market: Ms. Soolman asked about potential dates for the Committee to staff the community table this summer. A number of dates were considered.
5. Ms. Soolman added an additional OSRC meeting for May 3, 2016 to discuss warrant articles prior to Town Meeting, and to possibly consider taking positions on some of the articles.
6. Ms. Walker said the Stormwater Committee had scheduled a meeting.
7. Ms. Walker and Ms. Sallet said they both attended the Nyanza site walk in regards to the proposed Rail Transit District residential development, and reported back to the Committee on this.
8. Ms. Walker said that Green Up Ashland Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Upon motion by Ms. Walker, and seconded by Ms. Sallet, the Committee voted (8-0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Rosenblum".

Beth Rosenblum