



**Ashland Open
Space and
Recreation
Committee**

Roberta Soolman,
Chairperson

William Child

Martin Ring

Judith Sallet

Amy Sayed

Jeanne Walker

Greg Wands

Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2022
Remote via Zoom

Members Present: William Child, Martin Ring, Judith Sallet, Amy Sayed, Roberta Soolman, Jeanne Walker, Greg Wands

Guest: Jenn Ball, Assistant Town Manager

Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Soolman called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. via Zoom.

Discussion of Riverwalk and next phase

Ms. Ball provided an update on the status of the next phase of the Riverwalk near the VFW and Marathon Park. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) extended the Riverwalk/Mill Pond Park grants until December 2024. The Town asked Green Engineering for a proposal to design the second bridge to cross the Sudbury River and connect at Marathon Park instead of right behind the VFW as originally planned. The cost was higher than anticipated, and Ms. Ball will be going back to Green with questions about direct/indirect costs, bridge location, load requirements and materials. Due to the change in the flood plain since the original permitting completed by GLM Engineering, there is also a lot of expensive permitting that needs to be done. The committee discussed screening, parking, costs and other capital projects in Ashland. No decisions were made.

Ashland Town Forest Committee sponsorship request for April 30, 2022 event

Ms. Soolman explained a request from the Ashland Town Forest Committee to sponsor an upcoming event on April 30 (Talk and Walk with Tom Wessels) for \$100.

Upon motion made by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Wands, the OSRC voted 7-0-0 to sponsor the event.

Updates

- **Community Preservation Committee (Ms. Sayed):** No project updates to report. Tricia Kendall (Planning Board) filled the Planning Board's seat on the CPC that was vacated when Joe Rubertone resigned from the Planning Board.
- **Conservation Restriction Working Group (Mr. Ring, Ms. Sallet):** Group cannot meet because there is no quorum due to vacancies in positions to be filled by town staff. The CRWG could have a role in developing the Valentine Property Committee restrictions. Upon motion made by Ms. Sallet, seconded by Ms. Walker, the OSRC voted 7-0-0 to authorize Ms. Soolman and Mr. Child to send email blasts to keep people informed about developments with the Valentine property.
- **Land Stewardship Committee (Mr. Wands):** The committee purchased a few tractors and a brush cutter with remediation funds.



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- **Stormwater Management Committee (Ms. Walker):** The committee has not met since Maeghan Dos Anjos left but is planning to meet on February 23, 2022 to meet Becca Solomon, the new Conservation Agent.
- **Upper Charles Trail Committee (Mr. Ring):** Completed Trolley Brook Trail is 0.6 miles long. The committee walked the trail with the Town Planner to discuss the missing safety features that need to be addressed. The committee is working on the next step which is for the Select Board to acquire easements needed to move ahead with the rest of the trail. The committee recommended Judy Rosenthal to the Select Board to fill a committee vacancy.

OSRC at Farmer’s Market

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Ms. Walker offered several open dates for the OSRC to staff the community tent at the Farmer’s Market. Upon motion made by Mr. Wands, seconded by Ms. Sallet, the OSRC voted 7-0-0 to be at the Farmer’s Market on August 27.

Approval of minutes from August 16, 2021: Deferred to a future meeting.

Adjourn: Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Mr. Child, the OSRC voted (7-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Soolman