



**Ashland Open
Space and
Recreation
Committee**

Roberta Soolman,
Chairperson

Martin Ring

Judith Sallet

Amy Sayed

Jeanne Walker

Greg Wands

Meeting Minutes: February 22, 2023
Remote via Zoom

Members Present: Martin Ring, Amy Sayed, Roberta Soolman, Jeanne Walker, Greg Wands

Guest: Joan Gonfrade

Welcome and introductions:

Ms. Soolman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. via Zoom.

Public comment:

Joan Gonfrade, representing the Historic Commission, said the commission is trying to get a sign made for a kiosk at Hall House, and she asked who made the signs for Warren Woods. Mr. Wands said that the Land Stewardship Committee took care of it, and he thought Lou Mancini designed it, a company in Framingham printed it and Ashland DPW installed it. It was suggested that she check with Jenn Ball.

Approval of minutes from 9/13/2022:

Upon motion made by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Walker, minutes were approved 4-0-1 (Ms. Sayed was not present on 9/13/2022 and abstained).

OSRC Representative to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:

The committee selected Ms. Soolman as its representative to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Updates

- **Ashland Upper Charles Trail (Mr. Ring):** Mr. Ring said the committee is working with the Select Board to move the project forward.
- **Land Stewardship Committee (Mr. Wands):** Mr. Wands said the lack of snow extended the season for clearing the land. Mr. Wands and Judy Rosenthal have worked to clear Henry’s Orchard and Pandolfi’s Field. This is the 10th year clearing the land, and Mr. Wands said the Land Stewardship Committee is making great progress.
- **Community Preservation Committee (Ms. Sayed):** Ms. Sayed informed the committee that the most significant project coming up at Town Meeting in the spring so far is to rehabilitate a historic fire truck for parades. Although the truck is drivable, the goal is not for it to be in service. The proposal is for \$100,000.
- **Stormwater Management Committee (Ms. Walker):** The committee met on 1/18/23. They have a vacancy. They are working on an “adopt-a-drain” project to



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remind people that it's illegal to dump in catch basins. The Nickerson Road wetlands have filled-in, the culverts were all buried and not functional, and they are trying to get them open and running. The Conservation Commission had a hearing in January to update the stormwater regulations.

- **Conservation Restriction Working Group (Ms. Sallet):** The committee has not met, and it's not clear who's on the committee. Ms. Sallet spoke to Michael Herbert who said he can't spare staff to be on the committee. This update will be dropped from the agenda, and Ms. Sallet will make a report if there's an update.
- **Bay Circuit Trail (Ms. Soolman):** No report.

Discussion of Town Meeting warrant articles: There were no relevant warrant articles to discuss.

Planning for spring and summer activities: This agenda item was deferred.

Discussion of OSRC membership: The committee reviewed talent bank forms and decided to invite two prospective volunteers to a future meeting.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Walker, the OSRC voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Soolman