



**Ashland Open
Space and
Recreation
Committee**

Roberta Soolman,
Chairperson

William Child

Martin Ring

Judith Sallet

Amy Sayed

Jeanne Walker

Greg Wands

Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2022
Remote via Zoom

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

Guest: Ash Ratanchandani (Chair of Sustainability Committee)

Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Soolman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. via Zoom.

Sustainability Committee – Net Zero and Sustainability Framework (Warrant Article 11 at Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2022)

Mr. Ratanchandani presented the Sustainability Framework and Net Zero proposal to the committee. During the discussion afterwards, committee members expressed the following points:

- The goal is noble, and members were supportive of the overall goal.
- The timeline is too slow, and the actions won't be effective enough.
- The education piece is super.
- Concerned that it's not cost-effective and a lot of people can't afford to make the desired changes which then becomes a societal problem.

Members wanted to have more information and details before deciding whether to formally vote to endorse.

Ms. Soolman thanked Mr. Ratanchandani for taking time to meet with the committee and for sharing information.

Town Forest Committee event on April 30, 2022

Ms. Soolman said that event invitations and links for registering will be coming soon, probably via EventBrite.

Updates

- **Bay Circuit Trail (Mr. Child)** No update
- **Community Preservation Committee (Ms. Sayed)**
DPW came to the CPC meeting on April 5 to present possible project ideas to upgrade the Middle School recreation areas (tennis courts and fields). A formal proposal has not been submitted.
- **Land Stewardship Committee (Mr. Wands)** No update
- **Stormwater Management Committee (Ms. Walker)** No update



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- **Upper Charles Trail Committee (Mr. Ring):** The committee met this afternoon to discuss the impact of the Village of the Americas project on the trail and possible support from Baystone Corporation for trail development in the Wildwood District.
- **Conservation Restriction Working Group (Mr. Ring, Ms. Sallet)** No update
- **Riverwalk (Ms. Soolman)** No update

Approval of minutes from August 16, 2021, February 8, 2022 and March 8, 2022
Deferred to a future meeting.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Walker, the OSRC voted (7-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Soolman

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