

**HOPEDALE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
REMOTE MEETING
January 11, 2022 MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Danielle Marini, CMRCP
Becca Solomon, Committee Chair
Tara Costanza- Vice Chair
Megan Piatt, Secretary
Julie Rinehart
Melissa Butler

NOT PRESENT:

David Sprowl

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes
2. Vote on new Vice Chair
3. Go over Community Forum Plans
4. Survey review
5. Next Meeting
6. Adjourn

6:03 p.m. B. Solomon called meeting in session

1. **Approve Prior Meeting Minutes:** All in Favor

2. **Vote on new Vice Chair:**

Suzanne Macneil resigned via email. T. Costanza volunteered to take the position. Motion brought forth, J. Rinehart seconded. All in favor.

3. **Go over Community Forum Plans**

Postponing Public Forum scheduled Jan 23rd. New date is February 6th 1:30-3:00 pm. Only a couple people were registered for the forum, goals are to push visibility and registration of forum.

Brainstorm ideas to get participation from the town. Make fliers that catch the eye "Explore Hopedale", target the athletics aspect as there is a lot of feelings behind Hopedale athletic recreation, Logo contest. Reach out to the town Historian for photos and we could do throwback photos or photos asking if they want to see this in town again (ie. swimming in the pond etc)

3. **Go over Community Forum Plans:**

We need the town's input and we want to hear it. Comments and input after the fact does not accomplish our goals.

D. Marini suggested we do 2 posts a week until the event.

The event requires registration, push the registration link.

Suggest people bring their friend, neighbors and strangers to the forum.

J. Rinehart will get the Master plan registration list from D. Marini, to send out emails.

Forum Roles and Responsibilities. Their will be a short presentation that D. Marini will have ready. It will be about 20-25 minutes. D. Marini will come up with specific questions for the Forum now that we have our objectives and goals written out.

D. Marini will facilitate one group, and J. Rinehart will facilitate another and Becca will be the third if we need a third breakout room. We will reconvene after the forum to provide a summary of the towns input.

Reach out to all commissions & boards to have more town involvement for this open space workshop. B. Solomon will send out a letter to each department head to get participation.

Send D. Marini photos of open space so we can add to our flyers. We should invite department members to future meetings to discuss certain areas of Open space that pertains to their division for future collaboration.

Survey Review:

4. Solidified the survey goals and objectives. Came up with Goal 4 and objectives for the Natural Resources plan.

Created an objective to each goal for funding and partnership as all areas may have a separate funding option.

Next Meeting:

5. Next meeting February 8th after the public forum.

Adjourn:

6. B. Solomon calls for motion to adjourn. T. Costanza seconds. Roll Call all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m