

HOPEDALE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE REMOTE MEETING

December 14, 2021 MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

Suzanne MacNeil, Vice Chair
David Sprowl

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discuss Community Survey
2. Go over Community Forum Plans
3. Next Meeting
4. Adjourn

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

1. **Community Survey:**

Tara will post a weekly social media blast to get more traction on the community survey.

It is suggested that we have physical copies of the survey at the town hall. We need to get more traction on the survey.

Megan informed the group that neither the Milford Daily News or Hopedale Bulletin responded to requests on publishing info on where to find the survey.

2. **Go Over Community Forum:**

Discussed Goals and Objectives

- Goal: Improve accessibility of open space areas for people of all

capabilities.

- Objective 1: Identify areas that are not fully accessible
 - Action Items: reach out to community and surrounding towns, improve identified areas.
- Objective 2: Improve walkability bike-ability
 - Action Items: Improve sidewalks and trails
- Objective 3: Improve communication barriers
 - Action Items: Update signage/ maps
- Goal 2: Improve and ensure maintenance of existing fields, parks, trails, facilities and other open space.
 - Objective 1: Identify areas new improvement and the betterment of open space and secure funding
 - Action Items: Increase staffing, update equipment, annual audit
 - Objective 2: Enhance the resources to enable the fields to reach MIAA best practices/ standards
 - Objective 3: Create a schedule of maintenance BPMs
 - Action Items: Identify funding and ownership
- Goal 3: Create new athletic fields/ courts and recreation opportunities.
 - Objective 1: Identify new opportunities and potential location for new recreation opportunities
 - Objective 2: Funding and Ownership
 - Objective 3 TBD
- Goal 4: Increase preservation and resilience of Natural Resources
 - Objective 1: TBD
 - Objective 2: TBD
 - Objective 3: TBD
- Goal 5: Continuous Program Review
 - Objective 1: Development strategy for implementations
 - Action Item: Create and Open Space Board to meet regularly for review
 - Objective 2: Secure resources for implementation of plan
 - Objective 3: Develop and maintain collaborative relations with town departments, committees, boards and relevant organizations (Youth programs, School Athletics etc.)
 - Action Item: Annual Audit; form a review committee to meet regularly

Becca S. had to leave the meeting at 7:00 pm. Discussion of goals and objectives continues- Skipped Goal 4 until Becca can have input.

Forum is scheduled for Jan 23rd. We need to be familiar with our goals and objectives to discuss with town members. We all also need to push Flyer for the Forum Registration.

The forum will have pre-recorded intro by Dani to give an outline of what the forum will discuss. We will then have break out groups and speak to town members. Our focus is on outreach: Infographics to Facebook groups, print flyers and share the QR codes.

Dani will share the video 2 weeks before the forum to have OSRP members familiar.

Dani and other group members discussed possible meeting twice in January prior

to Forum, will decide after next scheduled meeting January 11th.

3. **Next Meeting**

The next remote meeting of the OSRP Committee is to be held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

4. **Adjourn**

Secretary M. Piatt called a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm. T. Costanza seconded the motion.