

Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee

Police Station Community Room

June 7, 2023

In Attendance:

Amanda Barlow - Co-Chair
Brian Almeida - Co-Chair
Brian Miller
Jeffrey Amaral
Linda Fournier

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Not in attendance:

Lynn Furtado - Committee Clerk
Ellen Lima

Call to Order:

Amanda Barlow called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Acceptance of meeting minutes from the April meeting with edits. Linda Fournier motioned to accept the minutes, Brian Miller seconded.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from the May meeting. Linda Fournier motioned to accept the minutes, Brian Miller seconded.

Open Space Plan Status Update:

Amanda Barlow informed the committee that there has been no correspondence from the state and the plan is still conditionally approved, pending full approval. Amanda Barlow was in contact with Victoria Alfaro Duran who informed her that Melissa Cryan is the point of contact for review of the Open Space Plan and that she will contact Victoria with any updates.

Strawberry Festival Planning:

Committee members confirmed what time they will be at the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee table at the Strawberry Festival on June 18, 2023.

Lynn Furtado has prepared the brochures for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee table. The committee has agreed to share photographs of some of Freetown's Parks and Open Spaces and Land Use Map for attendees to view.

Jeff Amaral updated the committee that he attended the recent Tuesday Club meeting at the Freetown Grange. The Tuesday Club expressed that they are looking forward to the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee participating in the Strawberry Festival.

Jeff Amaral updated the committee that he attempted to follow-up with the Cultural Council, but they have not yet been in contact.

Brian Almeida updated the committee that he researched the Board of Parks Commissioner (s) and their role in Massachusetts. Brian shared some of the information from the MGL website.

Committee members expressed they would like to learn more about Board of Parks Commissioner (s) and the roles and responsibilities. It was generally accepted there may be goals that align with OSRAC's goals in Freetown.

No public input.

The co-chairs of the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee were asked if we wanted to participate in the 4th of July Parade by the Parade and Fireworks Committee in Freetown. This was discussed with the committee. It was determined that we do not have the resources or a budget and would be unable to prepare with ample time. The committee agreed that in the future if we have more resources and funding available to us, this would be an event we would like to take part in.

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Brian Miller. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.