

Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Police Station Community Room  
February 2, 2022 @ 6:30pm

RECEIVED  
FREETOWN TOWN CLERK

2022 APR 13 AM 10:00

*Angie C. Smith*

In Attendance:

Amanda Barlow- Vice-Chairperson  
Brian Almeida  
Brian Miller  
Carlos Lopes  
Ellen Lima  
Jeffrey Amaral- Committee Chairperson  
Lynn Furtado- Committee Clerk

Call to order:

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Acceptance of meeting minutes from 1/5/22

Brian Almeida made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, Ellen seconded the motion.

Prioritize and clarify/ define a list of items slated for section 9 (Action Plan)

**Redo Hathaway Park (High)-** See drawing, renovation,

- Kayak Stand
- o Fishing doc/observation deck
- o New Parking
- o New Road
- o New Play area

**Acquire Lawrence park (Low/Medium)-** create a Hydration Station which is an area for bikers, hikers, and walkers to take a break and hydrate.

**Bike lanes (High)-** connect the New Bedford bike lane, County Road, and Bullock Road

**New trails and hiking (Medium)-** new trails at the cranberry bogs - Howland road

**King Phillip Cave Path (Medium)-** create a path that goes to the historical site of King Phillip's cave.

**Fix Bandstand (High)-** partner with the historical society to fix the Bandstand with funding

**Dog Park (Somewhere) (Medium)-**

**Beach renovation/restructure (medium)-**

**Create an Open Space Committee (High)-** in this committee, we will have Leasing input (sports), Space input, and inputs on space usage.

**Develop (advertise) porter pasture (High)-** develop, advertise, get it from the conversation committee

**Open Space Committee should have one member on the conservation committee (High)-**

**Increase town Communication (High)**- Increase engagement /assessability of the town information- website, email, and Freetown flash. formalize events coordination, and awareness. OSRAC 5k

**Greenway to connect two towns (High)**- See 9.9.1 in the action plan

**Work with Taunton watershed committee (high)**

**Develop a plan for a community garden (low)**-

**Improve/maintain the trail around the ball field and council of aging (Low)**

**Crosswalk from elementary school to ballparks (low)**

**Access from the ballfields, council of aging, and memorial park (Low)**

Subteam report- event coordination

Amanda and Carlos did not have anything to share on their subteam. This will be tabled for the next meeting.

Open discussion

Everyone agreed that this has been a productive meeting. Jeff said that he will now take these ideas and add them to section 9 of the Open Space Plan.

Review follow up actions with owners

Set agenda for March meeting

Jeff will invite Bill to the next meeting so that we can discuss the next steps, since section 9 is completed.

Next scheduled meeting is March 2, 22

Adjourn-

Amanda made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Carlos.

---

List of documents/exhibits used by OSRAC during this meeting.

Agenda

Notes from 1.5.22 meeting

Section 9 of the draft of the town of Freetown open space plan.