

Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
Police Station Community Room
May 4, 2022

In Attendance:

Amanda Barlow- Vice-Chairperson
Bill Napolitano-SRPEDD
Brian Almeida
Brian Miller
Jeffrey Amaral- Committee Chairperson

Kevin Desmarais- Conservation Commission
Lynn Furtado- Committee Clerk
Mike McCue- Assistant Assessor
Victoria D'Antoni- Planning Technician

Called to order:

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:07

Acceptance of meeting minutes from April 6th

Amanda made a motion to accept the minutes, Brian M seconded the motion.

Acceptance of meeting minutes from April 25th

Amanda made a motion to accept the minutes, Brian M seconded the motion.

Introduction of Guests:

Bill from SRPEDD introduced himself to the committee and guests. Jeff introduced the OSRAC to the guests.

Kevin, Mike, and Victoria introduced themselves to the OSRAC. Kevin wears many hats but he is the Chair of the Conservation Commission. Mike is the Open Space Consultant for the Conservation Commission and Victoria is Planning Technician and the Clerk for the Conservation Commission.

Kevin explained to OSRAC what the conservation commission does. They control land that is donated to the town in three main ways, donated land, undeveloped land and restricted land. They have about 600 acres of land, and 100 acres of restriction land. OSRAC talked about how we have worked on the open space plan and how we are hoping that the conservation commission will take a look at it when complete and give it their stamp of approval.

Bill also asked Victoria and Mike to work together to get SERPED the matrix of the town owned land, which includes town, state and federal owned land in the town of Freetown. Mike and Victoria said that they can do this and will get it to Bill.

Mike shared that he is the open space consultant for the conservation commission, he is also the chairman, and superintendent of the cemetery commission, and the Assistant Assessor for the Board of Assessors office.

The position of "Open Space Consultant" was created by the assessor's office once they received grants to make a forest plan. The Open space consultant gives them advice as he sees what comes through the conservation commission.

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Mike shared information about the history of Freetown. The history of Freetown was discussed and brought up due to our open space plan and how we want to keep the town informed about the history of our town. We might have him come do historical talks in order to share information about our town.

Status of Freetown's Open Space plan

Bill shared that we are making great process with the open space plan, by summer we hope it get it all done!

Bill stated that once we finish the Open Space Plan, we will need to get letters of approval from the following committee/boards: Board of Selectman, Planning board, and the Regional Planning Agency. It would also be helpful to get a letter from the historical commission and the conservation commission.

The conservation commission has been stewardship of our land and now we can partner with open space, which is part 7 of our open space plan.

Bill suggested that we add an action item that the conservation commission had brought up, which was regarding the rollback-tax provision.
We might want to look into a DCR partnership.

Taunton River Stewardship council (TRSC) Grant Information

Our Taunton River Stewardship Council Representative was not able to come to the meeting today. We will push this conversation to the next meeting.

Open Discussion

Re-appointment in June for all members, we have a new member who has put in papers to join our committee.

Flyers are being printed. It was suggested to hand them out at the Lakeside Festival this year.

Next scheduled Meeting

We will be having a meeting June 1st, but we might have a meeting sooner as we want to discuss the flyers once they are printed.

Motion to adjourn:

Jeff asked for a motion to adjourn Brian M made the motion and Amanda seconded it

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Lynn Furtado, OSRAC Clerk