

Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee
Police Station Community Room
September 14, 2022

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In Attendance:

Amanda Barlow- Vice-Chairperson
Brian Almeida
Brian Miller
Linda
Victoria D'Antoni- Town of Freetown Planning Technician
Jeffrey Amaral- Committee Chairperson
Lynn Furtado- Committee Clerk
Bill Napolitano-SRPEDD

Call to Order:

Jeff called the meeting to order at 6:10.

Acceptance of meeting minutes from June 1, 2022 meeting:

Brian Almeida made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, and Linda Seconded the motion.

Freetown Open Space Plan Review- Section 8: Goals & Objectives; Section 9: Action Plan

Bill thanked Victoria and Mike for putting together a list of parcels that Bill needed to add to the open space plan.

For Section 8 (Goals and Objectives)- Bill reported that nothing has changed since our last meeting.

For Section 9 (Action Plan); Bill added things and made things more general, and less specific which will give us more flexibility.

SREPEDD is still currently working on updating the rest of the plan. This includes the census data, Bill stated that this has been very difficult to get. Bill said this would be completed by the end of October.

Once the plan is done, we will have to send the plan to the boards (conservation commission, board of selectman, and Planning Board). Once they write a letter of approval, we will then send it to the state. They will probably give it back with conditional certification.

Status of Follow up action noted on June 1st meeting minutes

Jeff received a follow-up from the town administration. The Open Space and Recreation advisory committee's main goal is to create the Open Space Plan and execute the plan which will include writing grants and the follow through. Everyone agreed this was good information to have.

Review Follow-up Actions

The group discussed the Taunton River Stewardship Council. Any community that abuts the Taunton river can be a part of the watershed alliance, and Freetown does. Linda is the Freetown Representative. Taunton River Stewardship Council has a small grant program.

Next meeting Date/Time:

Bill said he will try to get the plan done by end of October, so we will plan to have a meeting in November.

Adjournment

Brian Almeida made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brian Miller seconded it at 8:11.