

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
April 6, 2023 - 6:00PM  
Council on Aging Meeting Room  
1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville, MA**

On April 6, 2023, the Open Space Committee held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Council on Aging Community Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chair Gary Flaherty. Members present were Brian Reynolds, Joan Morton, and Elizabeth Nash. Also present was Marc Resnick, Town Planner and Helen Zincavage, Manager of Environmental Programs at Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD). Chair Amy Knox was not present. LakeCAM was not recording the meeting for broadcast.

**Status of the Open Space Plan**

Ms. Morton stated that she has made written edits and updates on a copy of the plan, but the committee needs someone to incorporate the changes into the master plan. Ms. Morton advised that the plan is close to complete. She said she is working on the Analysis of Needs section and will integrate numbers from the community survey reflecting what the residents think we need and what they would like to have. Ms. Morton said that they also need some maps for the plan. Mr. Resnick said he can work with her to pull together or create maps. He said that his department may be able to assist with making changes to the master document.

Ms. Zincavage advised that SRPEDD would need to write a letter to endorse the plan. She said if it's easier, the committee could send her the plan in sections, and she would review and make recommendations. Mr. Resnick said that Ari Sky, Town Administrator and the Planning Board would also need to review and comment on the plan.

Mr. Resnick brought seven maps to the meeting. The maps illustrated different sections of Lakeville. The committee carefully reviewed the maps with the goal of identifying areas that would be a priority for land protection or acquisition. They talked about the value of having a larger area of land by creating connections or linked areas, rather than small individual parcels that are spread out. The committee discussed how to make connections between the different Town parks and open space land and that these areas would be the some of the first areas targeted for acquisition.

Mr. Resnick commented that this committee should be proposing land for the next step; to submit applications to Community Preservation Committee, direct grants, and other funding for land protection. He noted that the CPC is a review committee for reviewing and recommending qualifying applications for funding. Mr. Resnick talked about the CPC's two step application process. Step 1 applications are reviewed, and the committee determines if a project is eligible for funding. If a project is eligible a more comprehensive Step 2 application needs to be submitted and then the CPC decides which projects to recommend for funding by Town meeting. He recommended that the Open Space Committee be proactive in bringing projects and ideas

forward. He added that, in the past, they talked about having information sessions for landowners and bringing land trusts in as well.

The committee discussed land ownership. The town can own land and it can be held by the Conservation Commission, the Select Board, or other groups such as Wildlands Trust. The committee agreed that it would be a good idea to attend a Conservation Commission meeting to have a conversation about land ownership. They agreed that it would be helpful to talk to the Select Board as well. Mr. Resnick agreed to reach out on behalf of the Open Space Committee.

The plan for the next meeting will be to zero in on exactly what areas members are interested in looking at and to refine and finalize the Open Space Plan. M. Resnick will send the information on the areas discussed tonight to the H. Zircavage so they can be shown on a map to be included in the plan.

### **Committee Liaisons**

Historical Commission - Mr. Reynolds said that the Historical Commission and the Historical Society had tables at the Lakeville Day event, which just took place on March 26th. He said that they met the public and it seemed to go very well. He said the Historical Commission is considering doing an event for the 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of Lakeville as a Town. There is also the upcoming Lakeville's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a committee is planning a celebration.

Assawompset Pond Complex – Currently there is no liaison.

Conservation Commission -There was no one on the committee who could provide an update.

### **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chair Flaherty and seconded by Ms. Nash, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Open Space Committee meeting at 7:43 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Flaherty -aye, Ms. Nash -aye, Mr. Reynolds -aye,  
and Ms. Morton -aye

### **List of documents provided at the meeting**

Seven maps showing different sections of Lakeville.