

Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes October 4, 2017

Open Space Committee held a meeting on October 4, 2017 in the Town Office Building. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Marshall, Chairman at 7:03 PM.

Members present were Linda Grubb, Patrick Marshall, Jesse Medford, Joan Morton and Brian Reynolds and Mike Schroeder.

Meeting was recorded by Joan Morton.

Minutes of September 6, 2017 read and approved.

Natural Heritage Priority Habitat map – Letter to Natural Heritage re removal of priority habitat was reviewed. We would like to have them explain in more detail why. What happens when species occurrence data expire? Should the Town be looking for and updating occurrence data? A motion made by Joan Morton and seconded by Brian Reynold to approval the letter as written and send it to both the Dir. Buckley of DFW and the Asst. Dir. French of DFW for NHESP. Committee voted in favor of sending the letter. Letter will be signed by Patrick Marshall, Chairman.

Arts Festival Booth – Mike and Brian manned the booth. Mike expressed her thanks to Brian for attracting visitors to the booth and staying with her all day.

APC Management Team - Mike report on the meeting. APC Team was concerned about herring trapped in ponds and lack of oxygen due to weeds in the Nemasket. Water was high enough to them to come up, but the weeds were too dense for them to get back to down. It is possible to make a channel for herring; a two foot cut through the weeds would be enough. APC needs to work with local conservation commissions.

Loon Release Program - An injured loon was found this week in Town. Loon had a tag that identified it as a loon released as part of a release program. Patrick also stated he has seen a loon in Town. Question was raised that if loons have been seen in Lakeville why does the Town's occurrence data for loons claim the most recent observation date is 1872? The Town needs to be encouraged to fill out species observation forms.

Healthy Communities Workshop - Presentation by Mike Schroeder "Building Climate Change Resilient Communities" focus on Taunton Watershed – Growing faster than any other in the state. Take advantage of Nature.

Mike passed around a flyer promoting a Workshop and Tour of Pinehills in Plymouth - A case study in low impact design – October 11, 2017. Topics include:

Sprawling development = less open space and habitat loss

NE will be one of the areas highly affected by climate change

Preserve Forest – mitigates climate change

Green Space = Resilience

Create, integrate, and restore green spaces in low impact development

Patrick Marshall will send flyer to the Master Plan Committee members. Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the Building Department will also receive copy of flyer.

Hopefully Climate Change Resiliency will be a large part of the next Open Space and Recreation Plan as well as the new Master Plan.

No Correspondence

Next Meeting – November 1, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourn at 8:01 PM