

Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 21, 2020

Present: Seth Ridinger, Gerry Quam, Elaine Jones, Helen Dexter
Emily Glaubitz , Assistant Planner CMRPC

Absent : Crystal Byron

Meeting called to order at 12:35.

The minutes from the May 4th meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

Seth updated the committee on the formation of the focus group. An email invitation was sent to all town boards and committees, asking them to participate. He has not received any responses and will need to personally reach out to people. We decided an evening zoom meeting would be convenient for most people either June 3 or 4th.

The discussion and revision of the plan's goal continued. In some cases the wording was changed and similar objectives were combined. Committee members did not feel there was support for open space residential zoning that increased density in order to leave large open tracts of open space intact. That objective was removed from the list.

The committee looked at the Five Year Action Plan from the previous plan. We agreed the three essential areas listed there are still important to highlight in the new plan.

- 1) Obtain "buy in" from Town staff, commissions and boards that open space is a priority for the town.
- 2) Creation of an Open Space Advisory Committee to oversee and coordinate the actions of the plan.
- 3) Securing additional sources of funding, staffing and support.

Our next task is to work on the Action Plan Summary. Before next week's meeting, committee members will review the previous 5 year plan summary so we can work on aligning the action plan with our objectives.

The next OSRPC meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday or Friday of next week at 12:00. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Jones, Clerk