Town of Westminster

MASSACHUSETTS 01473 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE

Open Space Committee

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Minutes of Meeting – October 18, 2022 – Selectmen's Meeting Room

In attendance: Jodi Snyder, Sue Millmen, Isaiah Grigos, Heather Billings

Absent: Marie Auger, Amy Tisdale

Others: Sheri Bean and Kayla Kress, MRPC

Brain Sargent

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of minutes: The OSRP Committee voted 4-0-0 to approve the minutes as read.

The first order of business was discussing how our trail maintenance day went, which Heather debriefed us on the Crocker Pond group. There were 6 volunteers on a rainy day and accomplished maintenance on the south side of the river at Crocker Pond.

The Committee then welcomed Sheri Bean and Kayla Kress from MRPC. They informed the committee about options for creating and funding trail maps for Westminster. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is available to apply for in October of 2023 in which we can receive funding for possible printed trail maps or web applications for trails. The DLTA is available in December 2022 for the same funding opportunities. We discussed possibly adding a link for another layer for trails through Mr. Mapper, which the town already utilizes for assessing and planning purposes, which would make it more cost effective. There is also an option to purchase an All Trails app where we would be able to map the trails with points of interest and checkpoints. A QR code would be posted at trailheads to aid the hiker throughout the trails. The committee agreed to investigate other towns' trail maps and apps to get an idea of what we may be interested in for Westminster.

The Committee will meet next on Monday night November 21 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.