

Town of Westminster

MASSACHUSETTS 01473
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
Open Space Committee
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Minutes of Meeting – January 17, 2023 – Rm 222

In attendance: Sue Millman, Amy Tetrault, Isaiah Grigos

Absent: Heather Billings, Jodi Snyder, Marie Auger

Others: Tracy Murphy, Town Planner
Kayla Kress, MRPC

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

1. Approval of minutes: Motion made by A Tetrault/S. Millman to accept the minutes.
Discussion: None
The OSRP Committee voted 3-0-0 to approve the minutes.
2. Review Mr Mapper capabilities for trail information and continue to update trail inventory for Map project.

S. Millman spoke of removing the spurs on the map of the trails within Hager Park. The concern was that some of the spurs may lead to private property. Color coding the spurs to differentiate them was discussed. It was decided that A. Tetrault would reach out to the Hager Park committee to gather information on recent improvements or additions to the trail system and any future designs for the park. She will also ask if there are any plans to create a closed loop trail on both sides of Route 140.

Kayla Kress from MRPC was in attendance to demonstrate Mr. Mapper and to make changes live to the trail inventory. Mapping the trails in the Open Space of the Harrington Heights and Village at Old Mill subdivisions was discussed. The committee decided that the Harrington Heights trails would be included on the inventory but felt that the trail at the Village at Old Mill was a short, single closed loop trail that may not be a trail that others outside of the neighborhood would be interested in.

The OSC discussed the roads in the area of Mount Wachusett and if they should be on the map as formal trails or as Kayla suggested, depicted by a double black line to depict older, less traveled and typically dirt roads.

3. Scenic Road Bylaw Information: The OSC discussed the need to preserve the historic nature of many roads and stone walls. The Board was given a model bylaw from another community to read and edit to fit Westminster's needs. Board members will speak to members of the public to garner support for the measure. A Tetrault will reach out to the historic commission as it makes sense to work with them to determine what roads are a priority that were not included in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. T. Murphy will speak to the DPW Director as he also serves as the Tree Warden.

For next meeting: T. Murphy will find out if the public is able to use the trails on property to the north Crocker Pond, resend the notice for the Open Space Conference and the learn what the process is for the annual renewal of land in Chapter 61B.

4: Next Meeting: Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM in room 222.

5: Motion to adjourn, A. Tetrault/I Grigos
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Murphy
Town Planner