



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE
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MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2022

Present: Barbara McNamee (Chair), Rainer Forst, Christine Johnson, Glenn King, Chloe Mawn, Mike Tonry, David Troen-Krasnow, & Joel Vande Werken, with Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner also present

Absent: Bruce Frieswick & Mike Proto did not attend meeting

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Barbara McNamee opened the meeting acknowledging other members (present/absent).

II. SECTION UPDATES

- a. Section 3 -Community Vision & Section 6 -Community Vision are substantially complete. Dave Pickart (Conservation Agent) is currently reviewing Section 4 -Environmental Inventory & Analysis and Section 5 -Inventory of Lands of Conservation & Recreational Interest; it is anticipated these Section(s) will be completed soon (draft form).
- b. Section 7 -Goals & Objectives and Section 9 -Seven Year Action Plans: Committee members asked to review survey responses & individual notes to identify 5 goals and actions steps and send these to B McNamee and C Johnston by August 14. These will be compiled into a single document and distributed to the entire Committee for discussion at the September meeting.
- c. Section 1 -Plan Summary & Section 2 -Introductions will be assigned once the other sections are completed.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting are approved as presented.
- b. Timeline: the committee is continuing to work on the OSRP in the hopes that it can be finalized by the end of September
- c. Public Outreach:
 - i. Glenn will contact Northbridge Public Access TV to inquire about featuring the OSRP work in a September show.

- ii. We may have one more press release once the first draft of the report is finalized, offering the public additional opportunity for feedback.
- iii. While we are not currently planning any direct meetings with the Playground and Recreation Commission, the importance of gaining their support prior to a final version of the OSRP is noted.
- iv. A potential presentation to the Select Board will be considered once the initial draft of the OSRP is complete (hopefully September).
- d. Status of ADA Self-Evaluation: The Disabilities Commission has suggested that the OSRP make use of the materials from the Town ADA Plan completed recently. Barbara and Christine will review that document for items in the sections on recreational facilities that could be relevant to our report.
- e. Future Agenda Items: draft sections
- f. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm (via ZOOM).

IV. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:35 p.m.

Prepared By: Joel Vande Werken, Clerk

Date Approved: _____