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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN (OSRP) AD-HOC
COMMITTEE MEETING OF
March 24, 2023**

The Yarmouth **OSRP Ad-Hoc Committee** held a Hybrid in-person/remote access Business Meeting at **9:00** a.m. on **Friday – March 24, 2023** in Room A of Yarmouth Town Hall, located at 1146 Route 28 in South Yarmouth.

Ad-Hoc Committee Members Present: Will Rubenstein (Planning Board), Steve Sozanski (Recreation Commission) (left at 9:48), and Christine Marzigliano (Open Space Committee)

Ad-Hoc Committee Members Absent: Gail Charette (Disability Commission) and Ellie Lawrence (Conservation Commission)

Town Staff: Kathy Williams, Town Planner; Brittany DiRienzo, Conservation Administrator; Anthony Bennett, Acting Recreation Director; and Nate Whetten, DPW

Consultant: Cassie Bethoney and Lauren Schunk, Weston & Sampson (W&S)

1. **Meeting Opening:** Will Rubenstein, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:01. All Committee members were in person. All votes were roll call votes, and the meeting was livestreamed to the Town of Yarmouth YouTube Channel.
2. **Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update:** Discussion on updating the OSRP with an emphasis on:
 - a. **Review of Draft Goals/Objectives/Action Items:** The Committee began by reviewing the attached one-page Draft Survey Results from W&S and offered suggestions to include demographic information on the survey respondents, outline more improvements related to open space/conservation, expand on the improvements needed for the restrooms, retain percentages and eliminate the listing of the number of respondents, and include more Planning Ideas.

The Committee began the review of the attached Draft Goals/Objectives/Action Items with an overview by Lauren Schunk of common comments received from the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) on other plans and what they would be looking for, including prioritizing the list, setting new goals/objectives driven by the current process, and the possibility of consolidating goals (i.e. goals 3 & 4).

The Committee reviewed each goal, objective and action item in the draft list and determined whether anything should be eliminated or added and whether some action items are better suited for a different objective, as well as reviewing timeframe, priority, funding and responsible parties. The Committee made a number of recommendations that will be incorporated into the next draft.

The Committee also had a brief discussion on the issues with extending pickleball through the winter at Flax Pond. The issue is related to how the posts for the nets were constructed and the potential for damage to the courts during the winter. There is also a pickleball group with organized play at Flax from 9-12 Monday-Saturday, with open play after 5PM and on Sundays.

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- b. Second public engagement plan: Discussed the potential of an on-line survey to get feedback on the goals, objectives and action items. Discussed simplifying the action items in order to keep the survey to a reasonable size and identifying the Main Goals in the survey introduction. Also discussed the possibility of additional office hours on focused topics which may be time-consuming. W&S will check with DCR to see if two surveys and one Open House, in addition to the presentations of the Draft OSRP to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen, would provide for sufficient public input.
3. **Meeting Minutes**:
- a. March 10, 2023: **On a motion by Steve Sozanski, and seconded by Christine Marzigliano, the OSRP Ad-Hoc Committee voted 3-0 to approve the meeting minutes for the March 10, 2023 meeting, with Will Rubenstein, Christine Marzigliano, and Steve Sozanski voting in favor.**
4. **Upcoming Meetings**:
- a. April 7, 2023
 - b. April 21, 2023
5. **Adjournment**: On a motion by Steve Sozanski, and seconded by Christine Marzigliano, the OSRP Ad-Hoc Committee voted 3-0 to adjourn at 11:24 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

- March 24, 2023 OSRP Ad-Hoc Committee Agenda
- Draft #2 - Goal/Objective/Action Spreadsheet Working Document, dated March 21, 2023; and comments from committee members and staff.
- 2013 Hunting Map and Narrative
- Word Cloud
- Draft Survey Result Diagram
- Draft Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2023

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