

Plympton Open Space Committee
10/06/2016 Meeting

Attending: Linda Leddy, co-chair; Ted Taranto, Jane Schulze, Alan Wheelock, CJ Quinn, Gavin Murphy
Absent: Vicki Alberti, co-chair
Guests: Mark Russo, Jon Wilhelmsen

Read minutes from 7/26/2016 meeting

=> Vote to accept the minutes, unanimously approved

* Old Business *

- State changed conservation restriction form after the completed form was submitted for Churchill Park conservation restriction. May need to be resubmitted using new state form. Linda to follow up with the state

- The draft 2016 Open Space Plan has been submitted to the state for review. Expected timeline for review and comments from the state is around November. Linda to keep tabs on this process.

- Some park signage is out of date or has been removed. Hunting signs are particularly important. In some other places additional signage would be appropriate to keep people from wandering onto private property. Trail maps and hunting zone maps should be added to entrance kiosks. CJ to work on this.

- Some cleanup of trails and trash pickup necessary. Some in town have volunteered to help with park cleanup; we'll let them know about opportunities for cleanup in Churchill and Cato's Ridge parks. CJ to work on this.

=> Vote to draft a letter from Open Space Committee thanking James Cohen for his recent help building the trails kiosk as part of his Eagle Scout project; unanimously approved

- Linda to draft this letter for James

- Would be good to put parks and trail info on the town website. Should go under Conservation Commission, with a link in the Open Space area to that main page.

=> Vote to have Kathy Wright help with making changes to town website at a cost of \$20/hr

=> Vote to spend up to \$300 with Kathy Wright to perform updates to the town website as directed by the Open Space Committee

- In the future, we may want to survey conservation land near the Dennett school do better understand exactly where the boundaries are. Tabled for now for future discussion.

* New Business *

- Recently completed draft 2016 Open Space Plan has a lot of details in it, and it might make sense to spend a meeting or two focusing everyone's attention on that draft and discussing how we should prioritize our time. Members will try to read summary and chapters 6, 7, and 8 to prep for next meeting.

- Would be good to talk with Jim Mulcahy about current highway department policies related to scenic roads; Ted and Alan to investigate this as a subcommittee

- Town wetlands bylaw passed in 2009/2010, which includes protection of vernal pools. Important to certify vernal pools so that they can be protected. Perhaps an outreach program? Should we designate a subcommittee to focus on this? Training? Gavin and Linda to start to investigate this.

- Should we set a set meeting schedule? We can always cancel if necessary, but that may make it easier to have regular meetings. Let's tentatively plan on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm.

- Linda incurred an expense to print two copies of the draft 2016 Open Space Plan, one for submission to the state and one for internal review

=> Vote to reimburse Linda \$117.82 for the printing expense; unanimously approved

=> Vote to pay \$589 to Mark Robinson at Cape Cod Compact for ongoing services related to helping people with conservation work; unanimously approved