

## **Plympton Open Space Committee**

**Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – September 8, 2022**  
**Held over Zoom Conference Call: [zoom.us/j/8802901353](https://zoom.us/j/8802901353)**  
**By Telephone: +1 646 558 8656**  
**Meeting ID: 880 290 1353**  
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**Present:** Committee Members: Linda Leddy, Alan Wheelock, Jacqueline Rafferty, Gavin Murphy, Vicki Alberti, Jessica Kinsman (at 7:19pm); Conservation Agent: Brian Vasa

**At-Large:** Jane Schulze

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

### **MVP Grant:**

OSC's proposal to the state MVP program resulted in a \$502,000 MVP grant towards purchasing Turkey Swamp.( The fourth largest in this round!) If everything goes as planned, the Town will legally own the property no later than June 30, 2023. Planning for the area's access and preservation will start in early 2023. Due to its extensive wetlands, the property will not be as accessible to the public as the other preserves.

### **Water Committee:**

Gavin will be speaking with Chris Lawrence early next week about possibly joining the Water Committee. Recently, water issues have surfaced across the country, so it is a very topical discussion.

The selectmen are aware of and interested in the Town's water issues, and look forward to the Water committee's recommendations for long term water policies, based on data and models from other places This is likely a top priority for the Open Space Committee going forward.

### **Two Brooks and Cato's Maintenance:**

Two Brooks: The Highway Department will likely mow Two Brooks next week. (OSC has requested that the Department mow the first week in May and the first week in October)

Cato's: Vicki will put out a call for a work party to cut back brush. The trail signs have faded, so the letters will be painted for contrast.

Churchill: The kiosk at Churchill needs to be updated and one broken panel fixed.

Soule Farm's organizational policies need to be finalized before OSC can coordinate with them about possible uses of the proposed Soule Street entrance.

### **Open Space and Recreation Plan:**

The next OSRP is due by the end of January 2024. OSC's goal will be to complete the plan by October 2023 to give enough time to finalize any edits required by the state reviewer. It is necessary to have an approved OSRP to apply for future state grants.

**Recruitment:**

With new goals from the updated Open Space Plan coming up, and some current members planning to step down, the OSC needs to find people to join the Committee to lead into the future.

**Website:**

Brian Vasa is now updating the website for the Town to keep it more up-to-date with news, rosters, and information.

**Minutes:**

Motion (Vicki): To accept the minutes of February 10, 2022 as written.

Second (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye, Jacqueline Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye, Gavin Murphy: Aye, Jessica Kinsman: Aye

Motion (Jackie): To accept the minutes of June 9th as written.

Second (Vicki)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye, Jacqueline Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye, Gavin Murphy: Aye, Jessica Kinsman: Aye

**Motion to Adjourn:**

MOTION (Linda): To adjourn the meeting.

SECOND (Alan)

VOTE: All voted unanimously in favor with a roll call vote:

Linda Leddy: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye, Jacqueline Rafferty: Aye, Alan Wheelock: Aye, Gavin Murphy: Aye, Jessica Kinsman: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 13th at 7pm.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Brian Vasa