

## **Plympton Open Space Committee**

**Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – October 13, 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, Jacqueline Rafferty, Gavin Murphy, Vicki Alberti,;  
Conservation Agent: Brian Vasa

**At-Large:** Jane Schulze

**Others Present:** Mark Russo, Mike Slawson (Plympton Public Library)

**Absent:** Alan Wheelock, Jessica Kinsman

The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm

### **Water Committee:**

Gavin produced a one-page description of the Plympton Water Committee, reviewed by Jessica Kinsman and Chris Lawrence. They are going to try to meet Wednesday, October 19th to review one-page description, set up goals, and involve the community.

### **StoryWalk:**

Mike Slawson, director of the Plympton Public Library, joined the meeting to talk about putting up a StoryWalk at Churchill Park. A Storywalk is a book that is set up on posts along a trail for families to read as they walk. He chose the book 'Fletcher and the Falling Leaves' by Julia Rawlinson. It will be up for the month of November. The Committee agreed it was a great idea for the community.

### **Maintenance and use policies for the preserves:**

The Committee decided any ideas or events in the preserves need to come before the Committee for approval before commencing.

**MOTION (Linda):** To set up a policy for outside projects and events proposed to the Open Space Committee that they need to come to the Committee for approval before commencing.

**SECOND (Vicki)**

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

Linda Leddy: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye, Jacqueline Rafferty: Aye, Gavin Murphy: Aye

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

Two Brooks: It is not yet mowed, since the Town's mower is broken and still needs more parts. Rick Burnet will then help with the ruts around the bogs.

Cato's: CJ and Mike will help paint the signs to make them more readable. Mowing is still needed. Linda and Trevor will update the hunting and safety zone signs.

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

**MVP Grant:**

There will be a Special Town Meeting on November 30th to vote on Turkey Swamp Preserve.

**CPC:**

The OSC will likely request \$30,000 from the CPC for pre-acquisition funds.

**Conservation Restrictions:**

The 0 Lake Street solar Conservation Restriction was written up in an article with no context of how it came to fruition. There will be some clarification about current CRs and already-approved solar projects.

Brian described the currently-approved solar projects and which ones will have CRs on them. No solar projects have applied to the Conservation Commission since the solar bylaw was updated on 12/16/19. The last approved solar project was on 5/18/21.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan:**

The Committee went through the OSRP and discussed what needs to be updated for the next version. Chapter 7 was discussed and what needs to be considered for the resident survey. The goals, objectives, and actions in Chapter 8 will need to be updated. This is where the Committee will spend their time considering for the next meeting.

General assistance updating the plan, including the maps, will need to be provided to the OSC by a consultant, as the software and time needed will be best suited.

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.

**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, Gavin Murphy: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 10th at 7pm.

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Brian Vasa