

## **Plympton Open Space Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of Open Virtual Meeting – November 11, 2021**  
**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**  
**Password: 948488**

**Present:** Committee Members: Linda Leddy, Jane Schulze, Vicki Alberti, Gavin Murphy, Jacqueline Rafferty, Jessica Kinsman, Patti Morin (left the meeting at 7:49pm); Conservation Agent: Brian Vasa

**Others Present:** Mark Russo

**Absent:** Alan Wheelock

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

### **Two Brooks Preserve:**

On November 6th, over 20 people helped clear the small new area off Prospect Road to be used for parking and trailheads. An abutting neighbor has requested confirmation of lot lines near the reservoir. OSC will contact the professional surveyors who laid out the lot lines and request an updated report. In the meantime, Rick and the boardwalk crew will start building the boardwalks going west.

The TBP Subcommittee drafted a Welcome Statement, Background and History, and Rules and Policies to post in the TBP kiosks and on the web site. Everyone agreed that the draft documents provide an excellent base so the only changes needed are for clarifying information, policies etc. The subgroup will come back with a recommendation for what the 2 kiosks will consist of and public education materials.

The overall committee also discussed what the hunting policy should be. Discussions at the Town Meeting when TBP was accepted included a commitment to allow some form of hunting, so the question is what will work best at this site. The pros and cons of various approaches were reviewed, along with the need to keep in mind the need to inform people of whatever is adopted and monitor its success. There was general agreement that TBP's size and configuration do not lend it for use as a general hunting area for all species. This discussion will be continued.

### **Water Subcommittee:**

The Water Subcommittee consists of two projects:

- 1) Updating Plympton's groundwater bylaw to include surface waters and impacts, ((modeled on other town's bylaws) – Alan W and the Bylaw Review Committee

Alan forwarded the Town of Rehoboth's Groundwater Protection District documenting what the Rehoboth Bylaw protects.

- 2) Water Supply options - this group will resume the work of the Water Study Committee from a few years ago, building on the data and information then gathered from a number of water experts and agencies. The goal is to develop a recommendation for how /if the Town can put a water supply backup plan in place, especially for emergency situations

Gavin and Jessica are Subcommittee members.

Gavin presented a roadmap/timeline he created about potential strategies to address the water supply issue. The Committee discussed potential water sources and ways forward.

#### **Land Protection:**

One third of the Town is in Chapter 61 farm/bog lands. Many bog owners are facing the issue of how to best plan for the future .The OSC hopes to offer workshops to provide owners about options for passing along their land to future generations. OSC is also in touch with a Mass agency that is offering a bog restoration program that may be of interest. OSC will reach out to the local growers about these options, working with the Agriculture Committee.

#### **Minutes:**

MOTION (Vicki): To accept the minutes of September 30, 2021 as written.

SECOND (Jane)

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

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Shultze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye; Gavin Murphy: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Jessica Kinsman: Aye

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

MOTION (Vicki): To adjourn the meeting.

SECOND (Jane)

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

Linda Leddy: Aye, Jane Shultze: Aye, Vicki Alberti: Aye, Gavin Murphy: Aye; Jackie Rafferty: Aye, Jessica Kinsman: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

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

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Brian Vasa