

Open Space Committee
10/12/2017

Attending: Linda Leddy (co-chair), Vicki Alberti (co-chair), Ted Taranto,
Alan Wheelock, Jane Schulze, CJ Quinn and Gavin Murphy
Absent: none
Guest: none

Call to order at 7:05pm

1. September Minutes

> reviewed and unanimously approved

2. Churchill Park

> Received draft language from Wildlands Trust for Churchill Park
conservation restriction

> Linda to follow up on conservation land paperwork

> Motion to hire Joe Webby to confirm Churchill Park land boundaries and
to hire Vicki Marsh to review Registry of Deeds information and reconcile
as necessary to make correct
=> unanimously approved

> Motion to approve the Wildlands Trust language to be inserted into the
Conservation Restriction
=> unanimously approved

3. Plan edits

> Review draft table of action items, linked to objectives, to be
incorporated into the updated 2016 Open Space Plan

> Review of how other towns approach some sections of the Open Space
Plan, including Jane's work on the ADA section

> Discussion of Linda's work on Environmental Challenges section

> Brief discussion of scenic roads

4. Land donation

> Consultant has volunteered to review proposed land donation

5. Park updates

> CJ is working with other volunteers to coordinate plans for trails in the land behind the Dennett school

6. Other??

> Waiting for call back on Churchill Park signage

> Discussed park gate opening/closing duty and possible rotation of duties or alternatives. Volunteers opening and closing the gate every day isn't sustainable. Decided to do a trial run of open access to the parking lot for a 90 day period and will re-evaluate in January. Plan to communicate this plan to police and some residents.

> Discussion about plans for old gravel pit area

> Discussion about tax title lands and potential policy of reviewing lands for town use prior to auction

> Discussed the Highway Department's idea to change the intersection at Main St and Ring Road.

> Motion to inform the selectmen that the Open Space Committee opposes the Highway Department's current proposed redesign of the intersection of Main St and Ring St and would prefer the consideration of alternative approaches, in consultation with the public in a transparent process.

=> Seconded and unanimously agreed

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm