

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: August 7, 2019

Time: 6:03 – 8:03 pm

Monthly meeting

Community Room Town Hall

Chair: Jay Waterman

Committee members:

Karen Massey (2019) Excused

Mary Webber (2021)

Lisa Small (2019)

Mary Thorp (2019) Excused

Jay Waterman (2021)

Richard Brimberg (2020) Excused

Ebrahim Fazeli (2020)

Notes taken by: Mary Webber

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karyn MacNeill, YCS Director

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison, Absent

Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist, Excused

Tom Downing, Dog Park Committee

Ben Smith, North Star Planning

Sarah Delgizzo, North Star Planning

Susan Prescott, Open Space Task Force

Jackie Schumacher, Open Space Task Force

Ed Ashley, Open Space Task Force

Josh Royte, Open Space Task Force

Helpful abbreviations and acronyms:

FGFP – Fels-Groves Farm Preserve

FKF – Frank Knight Forest

PBP – Pratt's Brook Park

PLC – Parks & Lands Committee

RWP – Riverfront Woods Preserve

SFEP – Spear Farm Estuary Preserve

WST – West Side Trail

Call to Order, 6:03 pm

Introductions

Approval of June 5th meeting minutes – Lisa moved, Mary 2nd, unanimous.

Dog Park Presentation – Tom Downing outlined the four possible sites he's identified, Pratt's Brook, Fels Grove, Royal River Park and Sligo Road with a discussion of pros and cons of each location. Tom also explained reasoning for rejection of other possible sites. General discussion and questions followed.

Motion to endorse presentation of these sites to the Town council, Eb, moved, Lisa, 2nd, unanimous. Tom or Mary will update Tim Shannon, and will also update the Town Council at meeting on the 15th, and request agenda placement for next TC operations meeting.

Open Space Task Force Presentation – Ben Smith outlined the report's approach, format, and its focus on the value of Open Space to Yarmouth's sense of community. After covering background information and a more general discussion, Ben summarized three recommendations: to maintain and enhance town owned lands; prioritize new acquisitions around long-standing values; and, to update town ordinances and policies.

Ed raised issue of checklist for Open Space considerations for Planning Board deliberations on new development. Judy Colby George had previously offered to send one to Karyn. Ed will also send a checklist he has to Karyn.

Miscellaneous - Bridge Opening Celebration on August 11, 4-6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn, 8 pm, Mary, 2nd, Eb, unanimous.