



TOWN OF BURLINGTON

Conservation Commission

MINUTES

Open Space Recreation Plan Subcommittee

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Members Present: Conservation Commission member Jennifer O' Riorden, Conservation Administrator J. Keeley, Assistant Conservation Administrator Eileen Coleman, Recreation Commission Chair Kristine Brown, Parks & Recreation Director Brendan Eagan, Planning Board Chair Jack Kelly, Senior Planner Josh Morris, Assistant Planner Liz Bonventre, Horsley Witten Project Planner Krista Moravec.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Update Overview

K. Moravec explained that an Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) qualifies the Town for DCS funding. Ms. Moravec went over the proposed timeline for the OSRP Update process. Three letters of support will be required for submission of the OSRP, one from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Planning Board and one from the MAPC. Since it tends to take time to get these letters, it behooves the committee to get a draft of the OSRP to these groups expeditiously. There will be five subcommittee meetings, one each month between June and October and two public forums, one in early September and one in late October. Ms. Moravec described the objectives of tonight's meeting.

3. Initial Overview of OSRP – Data Needs

Members present indicated that changes that have occurred since the last plan was published in 2011 include development of Wildwood Park, change in management of the Mary Cummings Park (known as the Boston Property in the 2011 Plan), two significant zoning changes including implementation of an open space zoning district. Mr. Keeley pointed out that changes to the Town drinking water supply system were in the offing.

4. Review of Existing Action Plan

Members present went through the Seven-Year Action Plan published as Chapter 9 of the 2011 OSRP. Many items had been completed, several more are ongoing and will be kept. Under Goal A, *Beautify Burlington's public outdoor recreation facilities and public school grounds*, it was noted that there is a Beautification Committee and Adopt-an-Island program. Under Goal E, *Improve the maintenance of all Town outdoor recreation facilities*, it was noted that Overlook Park will be overhauled in the next three years. Under Goal G, *Develop new outdoor recreation facilities at existing parks*, it was noted that a dog park had been constructed at Rahanis Park and playground updates are being undertaken as part of a 10-year-plan. Addressing Goal K, *Actively manage, maintain, and strive to expand conservation Areas*, elicited a discussion of the merits of social media, which Conservation Commission member J. O'Riorden is currently championing, for carrying out the required actions.

5. ADA Self Evaluation

Individuals with disabilities are now allowed to use motorized vehicles to access Conservation Areas. The Town Common now has additional parking for people with disabilities and an accessible path runs to the gazebo though the gazebo itself is not wheelchair accessible.

6. Community Survey

It was agreed that since the University of New Hampshire developed a Parks & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey the Community Survey for the OSRP should concentrate on Conservation needs.

Upcoming meetings: The date for the July meeting will be determined by doodle poll.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:
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