

September 18, 2013 Open Space Committee Minutes

Attending: Steve Greason, Jennifer Germain, Dawn Fusco, Felicity Beech, Patricia Reeser, Jean Lambert

Mike Sabulis attended as an interested guest from town.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m.

1. The July minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The group discussed a new trail at South Street developed by Greenbelt.
3. Steve Greason gave credit to Dawn Fusco for the fact that the Withers Trail was developed.
4. The fall hike was scheduled for Oct. 19, 2013 on the new Artichoke Trail. Each member was assigned a task and the hike will be publicized in the *Daily News*.
5. The autumn OSC library exhibit will feature the Withers Conservation Area (Artichoke Trail). Jean will change the display quarterly to promote different trails in our town-wide network.
6. There was an update by Steve Greason regarding the Notice of Intent permits with ECTA for Riverbend Bridge project.
 - Steve spoke with Mike DeRossa about the Notice of Intent.
 - Two plans were done by the architect; a third is in process.
 - Neighbors have been notified.
 - Due to the amount of time required to complete the permitting process, the project will hopefully be started in the winter or spring of 2014.
7. The group discussed the State Boat Launch Proposal. Steve reported the following costs:
 - \$555,000 Option A (Boat Launch)
 - \$265,000 Option B (Fishing Pier)
 - \$805,000 Option C (Both)
 - Cost for permitting: approximately \$25- \$30K.

Patricia made a motion that Steve write a letter to the Selectmen asking them to meet with the state officials to address the potential building of one of the state boat launch options. This was seconded by Jennifer. The vote to move forward was unanimous.

8. The group discussed the Sullivan Property. Developers have gone before the ConCom. We also discussed possible trails on this property. An OSC site walk with the ConCom and the developers was planned.
9. The group discussed changing OSC bylaws to allow associate members to be vote if a quorum is needed.
10. There was also a brief discussion about adding \$250 to our budget. Steve made a motion to increase the OSC budget from \$500 to \$750. Jean seconded it and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Germain