

STEWARDS OF COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2023
7PM ZOOM

Members in attendance: Norm Hills, Jim Bride, John Rockwell, Lorraine Heffernan, Scott Tavares, Vin Malkosky, Shaun Walsh

Members absent: Wayne Mattson, Margie Baldwin

Others present: Joe Falconeiri

1. Meeting minutes from June 30, 2022 were approved.

2. Norm reported that the revision of the OSRP provided to them was the culmination of all the previous reviews and comments and the intent was to use this version for a public education meeting on February 16, 2023 at the Music Hall. John had some minor editorial comments that were agreed to. He also had some more substantial comments:

- That we note that the white areas on Butler Point, Converse Point and Great Hill were the result of a lack of data. It was agreed to make a short comment on the previous page.
- That we should include recommendation to establish a Parks and Recreation Commission. Norm noted that we have a Parks and Tree Committee and a Recreation Department that are members of SoCOS. The Town does not need duplication of effort. No action taken on the recommendation.
- That apparently the State has passed some legislation in December that amplifies Article 97 requirements. SRPEDD will search for that information and potentially include in Appendix D.
- That there is a map of the properties referenced in Appendix E, section Aii on page 177. SRPEDD will research and include in the document.

3. Norm addressed the Holmes Woods Survey. He reported that last minute availability of some funding in June 2022 provided an opportunity to have SRPEDD address Action Item 19 in the draft OSRP. The result is the draft background information and provided to members. The background information and survey will be posted on the Town website and hardcopies available at the Town House. An announcement will be prepared and released. A meeting is scheduled on May 25 to present and discuss the results of the survey. Comments included:

- Joe shared concerns about keeping the area wooded. It was pointed out that the original will did not make this requirement; the Town can determine the best use, hence this survey.
- Scott and John had a discussion about the need for additional ball fields in Marion as the number of participants has increased as sports change with time. John will invite Scott to a future MOSAC meeting to discuss.
- John noted that when the school expanded that the School Committee had bought an adjacent lot on Spring Street to compensate for disturbing the Park Street access to the lot.

4. The next meeting will be on February 16, 2023 at 7PM at the Music Hall.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:39.

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