OS&RPC Meeting Minutes #8 on 2.17.2021

A meeting of the 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee (OS&RPC) was held on 17 February 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm by David Freedman, Chair. Present were Committee Members Steve Hinton, Marc Lamere, Rhonda Michaud, Sally Zielinski, and Mary Zoll. Absent were Debby Geltner and Amy Smack. Also present was Sylvia Willard, Conservation Administrator, Town of Carlisle.

Minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2020 were approved unanimously as amended.

David thanked members of the Committee (and Ken Harte) for their input on the draft sections of the OS&RP that had been distributed to them over the past several weeks. He reviewed the proposed plan for distribution of the draft OS&RP via posting on the Town website home page with notices to be sent to MAPC, DCR, and all boards, committees, local organizations that had submitted input to the Plan (and the Master Plan Steering Committee), plus a letter to the *Carlisle Mosquito* requesting public input, with a response deadline of the end of March. All agreed on the posting of the draft plan as proposed. David outlined subsequent steps: incorporate input received, as appropriate (and if necessary, approval by MAPC and DCR of any changes they may request); review and approval by the Committee in April of a final document; submission of the OS&RP to the Select Board, Planning Board, ConsCom, and RecCom for official letters of approval; submission to DCR of a final version incorporating the local approval letters; incorporation of their approval letter; and printing and distribution of the approved document.

Sally asked if another public meeting would be required. David replied that the meeting in April would be a publicly posted meeting and that the notice in the *Mosquito* would go to all citizens, and that, given the pandemic, he felt the 6-week public review period was sufficient. He also said that he would reach out to Helen Lyons to encourage an article in the paper, ideally describing the plan and soliciting input. Sally asked what the deadline was for input from Committee members. David replied that he would accept any edits through this evening to be incorporated before the draft is posted online, but that all members are welcome to continue to provide input during the public review period. Mary requested a printed copy of the full document for her final review; Sylvia will have that prepared from the files once they are posted online and will let Mary know when they are ready for pick up at Town Hall. David asked that Mary try to get her review done in the next few weeks.

Sylvia asked if the date of the plan on the cover should be changed from November 1. David replied that he believed it should stay as is since that is the date in the plan (and the page footers) and that the plan does not include reporting on things that have occurred since then (e.g., progress on the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program grant). He noted that DCR would establish the approval period and that whatever they set, whether November 2027 or February 2028, will also be added to the cover.

David updated the Committee on the progress of Amy Smack with regard to review of the ADA Self-Evaluations and Table 11 by representatives of the disabled community (names provided by Joan Ingersoll, COA Director), that two Carlisleans had been provided with copies of both, and that we are awaiting their input.

All expressed satisfaction at reaching this milestone. David said that he would reach out via email regarding scheduling our next meeting, likely in early April.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted, David Freedman