

OS&RPC Meeting Minutes #9 on 3.17.2021

A meeting of the 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee (OS&RPC) was held on 17 March 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, Amy Smack, Sally Zielinski, and Mary Zoll. Absent was Debby Geltner. Also present was Sylvia Willard, Conservation Administrator, Town of Carlisle.

Minutes of the meeting of February 17, 2021 were approved unanimously as drafted.

David noted the positive letter received from Ralph Willmer on behalf of MAPC, the regional planning agency. David asked for feedback on the draft letter to Melissa Cryan of EOEEA in response to her letter granting the town conditional approval. Suggestions included adding a paragraph about "Needs for Teens" to include mention of coordination by the Recreation and Conservation Commissions with scouting and school community service programs, the art club work with the Trails Committee on the trail markers, and other activities in which school age children engage; adding a reference to the Cranberry Bog survey done concurrently with our work, with over 300 respondents; and correcting a few typos. It was agreed that David would make these changes and then send the letter via email on behalf of the Committee.

David asked Rhonda about the Land Stewardship Committee's review of the plan and Section 7.C re: Maintenance Needs that was revised per input from Warren Lyman. Rhonda said that the LSC was OK w/the new text, that their only question was whether the OS&RPC needed a formal letter of approval (David replied that we did not at this time), and that otherwise, members would provide input, if any, individually.

Marc asked how much public input had been received thus far. David reported that he had received input from between 5 and 10 residents, including Janne Corneil of the Master Plan Steering Committee (who has requested mapping layers, which Steve will provide).

Amy gave an update on progress with regard to review of the ADA Self-Evaluations by representatives of the disabled community. One person has completed his input; the other is expected to provide his input shortly. Amy is also arranging to have Carol Grueneich, the COA Social Worker, review the forms, noting that Carol was an ADA Coordinator in her previous position. Amy will ask the two residents and Carol if they would like to be included in the list of those thanked for their assistance with the plan (thanks to Mary for this suggestion), and how the two residents with disabilities would like to have their disabilities described when we reference their contribution in Appendix F. Amy will share with David, ideally within the next 2 weeks, the input she receives from these three individuals so decisions can be made with regard to any changes needed in the Self-Evaluation forms and in the plan, particularly in Table 11.

Sylvia asked what the date of the plan should be. David suggested that it be the 2020/2021 plan due to the October 31, 2020, cutoff for the tables and other information in the plan, and the approval having been granted in 2021. There was general agreement on this.

David said that he would update the committee on any significant input received by the end of the month and will then circulate redlines of any parts of the plan that will have been edited. Mary asked that he run these by her before sending them to the others. David will reach out via email regarding scheduling our next meeting, likely in early to mid-April.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Freedman