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Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee (OSRPC) Meeting Minutes

January 17, a duly scheduled and posted in person meeting

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- 7:00 PM, Rosa opens meeting. A quorum is present.

Present: John Bartlett, Jack Bowen, Justin Damon, Marlies Henderson, Michael Parker, Michael Rosa, Katie Shubin

Staff: (Ex Officio) Kat Malgieri, Senior Planner

Excused: Maria Martin

Audience: Andrew Jennings

- #1 Open mic: No public comments.
- #10 Agenda item 10 was bumped up because Parker had to leave by 7:30. He made members aware of the VVMP Disk Golf upgrade project. He serves on the Recreation Commission and its disk golf subcommittee. A request for CPA funding has been submitted and an active group of 12 volunteers will improve tee-pads for 9 holes. A disk golf app hints at 3000 persons using the course in 2020. For a tournament to be scheduled, tee-pads need the upgrade. Parker states the disk golf is not yet listed as a goal in the OSRP, and it should be. There are 9 more uninstalled disk-receptacles.
- #2 Bartlett moved to approve the November 15 minutes, Bowen seconded. Shubin abstained. Motion passed: 6-0-1¹
- #3 Rosa has pursued Clancy Main for an update on the RFP to no avail. Henderson believes PB might be on it. Malgieri confirms: the PB Department works on a scope of services. Discussion ensues on delaying the RFP until after review of current plan in house; the plan has 2 years of life. Malgieri suggests meetings with departments identified in the plan as responsible for plan goal implementation. **Malgieri²** will share goals implementation audit spreadsheet with Town Manager and Rosa. Bartlett warns that the State review cycle is 6 months. Some goals are ongoing. Henderson reminds that funding for the OSRP update is secured through CPC Admin budget.
- #4 With NMCOG RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) *Vision 2050* in mind (draft appears as soon as April), Jennings shared a presentation pdf about Rails-with-Trails with details on quick-approach with stakeholders to include active transportation infrastructure in OSRP, Master Plan (living document). **Malgieri** will look into the quick-approach.
- #5 Malgieri leads discussion on updates (ongoing) in Town inventory / Town GIS layers. **Rosa³** will verify if RR River Street to Cabot purchase is complete.
- #6 Damon brought 2019 MassDOT handout of Yankee Doodle bike path 2019. Rosa suggests Damon attends bike path committee. Henderson and Bowen remind Rosa that the bike path

¹ In favor - opposed - abstention

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committee hasn't met in years. Currently an amended plan is being reviewed by conservation commission.

7:25 PM, committee member Parker is excused to leave. Going forward, the meetings will start at 6:30 to better accommodate his schedule.

- #7 Rosa has tried hard to get in touch with the Shawsheen Tech superintendent and school committee — so far to no avail. **Malgieri** will share a different contact with Rosa. Relative to the Burlington pump station, where river access is proposed, Rosa discussed with John Curran the Burlington water intake, which changed from emergency source to regular source. Town Manager will research rights.
- #8 Bowen reports no further news on dam removal / fish ladder besides the fact that neither the Town nor the dam owner is willing to pay for a fish ladder. Unless new information comes in, this topic is put to rest.
- #9 Henderson reports that the Nyanza mercury question she asked OARS was submitted with MRWC and resulted in an update of the website FAQ section (<https://merrimack.org/talbotmills/>). The meeting packet includes the answer.
- #11a Admin: See #5
- #11b Admin: Clancy has gone out to the Buckingham public parcel. He tasked BPD to educate neighbors on their encroachment. **Henderson** retrieved the kiosk. She will contact Clancy Main to verify this, with cc to BCC and Highway Department, to re-install the kiosk and restore access path.
- #12 Next meeting date is February 7.
- 7:45 PM, meeting adjourned (motion by Bartlett, seconded by Bowen).

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marlies Henderson