Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2019
Town Hall, Ashland, MA

Members Present: William Child, Martin Ring, Judith Sallet, Amy Sayed, Roberta Soolman, Jeanne Walker, Greg Wands

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Jennifer Ball, Assistant Town Manager

Welcome and Introductions:
Ms. Soolman called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Approval of minutes from 12/11/2018:
Minutes of 12/11/2018 were reviewed. Upon motion by Ms. Walker, seconded by Ms. Sallet, the OSRC voted (5-0-2) with the wording as edited.

Open Space and Recreation Plan:
Mr. Child is working to revise the Land Inventory and expects to complete it in a couple of days. Ms. Sayed is working to update the Environmental Justice Map and will complete it by the next meeting.

Update on Riverwalk Project:
Ms. Ball provided an update on the Riverwalk Project. To streamline traffic, the Do Not Enter sign to the parking lot will be removed once done. The Riverwalk sign will be installed when the parking lot is completed. The Committee will discuss if there are any rules for the Riverwalk that should be added to the sign. Animal Control requested a fence for privacy and to not disturb the animals. The installation of the benches prior to completing construction for the season was not expected, and Ms. Ball reached out to Green to see if they inspected them. Ms. Ball sent the pictures of the deck to Green to get confirmation in writing that the deck is complete.

Ms. Ball has been working with Green to determine other options for the Long Span Bridge. The driver of the increase in cost is the cost of steel, the cost of the crane to install the bridge, and the utility work necessary to install the bridge. A timber bridge with shorter spans will be $200k to $300k less expensive, but would need to be re-permitted. Upon motion by Mr. Ring and seconded by Ms. Walker, the Committee voted (7-0) to authorize town administration to explore options, including permitting impacts.

Other Updates:

Ms. Walker had no updates on the Stormwater Management Committee.

Ms. Sayed had no updates on the Community Preservation Committee.

Ms. Soolman had no updates on the Land Use and Development Liaison Committee.
Mr. Wands provided an update on the Land Stewardship Committee. Stumpy’s did work to clean-up the stone walls along Eliot St. The Committee discussed the recent BOS vote to allow funds from the Warren District account to pay for a project manager who would oversee development of several town-owned properties. Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Sallet, the Committee voted (7-0) to authorize a representative of the committee to re-affirm with the BOS that any Warren Woods money (Warren Woods Mitigation, the Audubon funds, and the Green gift) should be used solely for expenses related to the Warren District.

Mr. Ring had no updates on the Ashland Upper Charles Trail Committee.

**Next Meeting is February 12, 2019**

Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Walker, the OSRC voted (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Sayed

**Documents Reviewed During Meeting:**

Minutes from 12/11/2018