



**Ashland Open
Space and
Recreation
Committee**

Roberta Soolman,
Chairperson

William Child

Martin Ring

Judith Sallet

Amy Sayed

Jeanne Walker

Greg Wands

Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2020
Town Hall, Ashland, MA

Members Present: William Child (arrived at 7:37,) Martin Ring, Amy Sayed, Judith Sallet, Roberta Soolman, Jeanne Walker, Greg Wands

Guest Present: Ray Trainor

Welcome and Introductions:

Ms. Soolman called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and welcomed our guest.

Approval of minutes from 11/18/2019

Minutes of 11/18 were reviewed. Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Sallet, the committee voted (7-0) to approve the minutes as amended.

Riverwalk Project Update:

The Committee discussed providing a formal response to the Town Manager's Bridge lighting and signage decision. The committee reviewed a draft response and suggested edits. Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Walker, the committee voted (7-0) to send the response drafted to Mr. Herbert, with a CC: to Ms. Ball, the Selectboard, and the abutters.

Questions received from SVT re town-owned land parcels near Sudbury River:

The committee felt this request would be best answered by Ms. Dos Anjos, the Ashland Conservation agent. Ms. Soolman will forward the questions to her.

Deadline for applications to Community Preservation Committee – 01/31/2020:

Ms. Sayed explained to the Committee that there is a 01/31/2020 deadline for applying for CPC funds.

Updates:

Mr. Ring provided an update on the Ashland Upper Charles Trail Committee. The Committee is applying for CPA funds and a Mass Trails Grant for Construction of the Trolley Brook Trail. It is unclear at this time if EPA's plans for Nyanza will impact the Trolley Brook Trail.

Mr. Wands provided an update on the Friends of the Upper Charles Trail. The clearing of the Trolley Brook Trail took place in November. The Friends will scout out additional routes. On 01/18, the group will walk from the High School to Market Basket.

Ms. Walker provided an update on the Stormwater Management Committee. The Planning Board will be voting to require the Committee to sign all occupancy permits. A flyer on dog waste and surface water quality was not included in the census and the Committee is discussing other ways to distribute the information. The Town Forest Committee will build a Rain Garden at the Oak St entrance. The Committee will complete



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a presentation on 1/28 to 3rd graders, with the hope to do more and to incorporate storm water issues in to the curriculum.

Ms. Sayed had no additional updates on the CPC.

Mr. Wands provided an update on the Conservation Commission. The Commission voted to deny Eversource a waiver for the Pipeline. The decision will be appealed to Superior Court.

Mr. Ring had no updates on the Conservation Restriction Working Group.

Mr. Child had no updates on the Bay Circuit Trail.

Next Meeting is February 11, 2020

Upon motion by Mr. Ring, seconded by Ms. Sallett, the OSRC voted (7-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Sayed

Documents Reviewed During Meeting:

Email from Town Manager Herbert dated 01/09/2020

Minutes of 11/04/2019