

OS&RPC Meeting Minutes #10 on 5.12.2021 (approved 6.16.2021)

A meeting of the 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee (OS&RPC) was held on 12 May 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm by David Freedman, Chair. Present were Committee Members Marc Lamere, Rhonda Michaud, Amy Smack, Sally Zielinski, and Mary Zoll. Absent were Debby Geltner and Steve Hinton. Also present was Sylvia Willard, Conservation Administrator, Town of Carlisle.

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

David asked whether there were any changes needed in the final plan that had been circulated prior to the meeting. Sylvia asked David to confirm that various town residents and staff had been included in the acknowledgments; they were. Rhonda noted a typo in Appendix F; David will fix it before having the plan posted. The Committee collectively moved, seconded, and approved the plan as circulated. David will provide the final files to Jenn Gibbons for posting.

David noted that Mary had provided him with a few grammatical edits to the letters to the four boards whose approval will be sought. The Committee approved the letters to be sent once the plan is posted. Amy noted that RecCom is meeting next Monday, so the approval can be on the agenda. David asked Amy to let him know if RecCom would like him to sign on to the meeting in case there are any questions. Sylvia noted that ConsCom is meeting Thursday, so the plan approval will have to be on the agenda for the 27th. David will keep the Committee posted on the responses of the other two boards.

Rhonda reported a discussion at Land Stewards (LSC) regarding whether there was a priority among the action items in table 11 re: improving accessibility. David suggested this be resolved between LSC and ConsCom, noting that many of them are suggestions for consideration, and some, such as the addition of a picnic table along the path at Malcolm Meadows, might not be supported (in this case, due to concerns about trash). Amy noted that the input from representatives of the disabled community was naturally related to the particular disabilities of the individuals, with one who is visually impaired, Dan Barlow, understanding that others' needs would be different from his. A discussion of signage issues ensued, with a general understanding that it was good that the question of accessibility was on the table and that it should be considered for all facilities going forward. Amy will report this to Dan.

It was noted that a group of dedicated volunteers, including Sally, Peter Burn, Kay Hurley, Judy Asarkof, Steve Hinton, and Jeff Dike have begun the task of putting Appendix D online (through a site hosted by CCF), with the goal of making it a living updatable database. Aside from the ongoing benefit, this online database should make creating Appendix D for future editions of the OS&RP infinitely more efficient. Sally noted that the site, currently under development, with a placeholder home page, can be found at *CarlisleNaturalHistory.org*.

David will call another meeting once the approval letters are in and DCS has been notified, confirming actual completion. Sally expressed the Committee's appreciation for everyone's efforts to get to this point. Sylvia raised the question of a party to celebrate our accomplishment; Mary volunteered to host an outdoor gathering at her house.

One item on the agenda for the next meeting will be deciding how many copies of the plan to print. Sylvia will confirm how many were printed in 2013 and how many she has left.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Freedman