

2017 Open Space Plan Working Group

Chelmsford
June 22, 2017

Meeting Location: Chelmsford Town Offices, Billerica Road

Attendees: Katie Messer, Chair, Dave McLachlan, Clerk, Jim Kelsey, Bill Askenburg, Dave Sperry and Ed Roux

Citizen Attendance: Iva Mooney

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.
2. Review of the status of Public survey re Open Space
 - To date 813 responses have been received from the public. There have been good responses from high school students. It was agreed to shut of the Survey.
 - The committee then reviewed the responses to all the questions
 - There is a need to create a list of recreation and open space information that is available to any interested parties both the Town's web site and possible in hard copy.
 - Jim Kelsey requested that the data be reviewed different ways by the August meeting. Perhaps by types of respondents. The Committee suggested that would not be necessary as the data might be too limited in response.
 - Questions 9 and 10 are open ended responses and was reviewed in depth. Bill Askenburg briefed the committee on his observations of the most frequently commented observations:
 - There needs to be an increased awareness of what open space and recreation opportunities are available.
 - There needs to be improved maintenance of outside trails and athletic fields, particularly for baseball.
 - There is a need for more updated children's playgrounds.
 - There is a need for a place for teenager to hang out
 - More sidewalks should be added
 - Indoor recreation center, swimming pool, more trails were suggested.
 - Members were asked to review and analyze last survey, draw conclusions on how we interpret data and make recommendations at the next meeting.
 - The Committee agreed to share the survey data with town groups such as BOS, Town Manager, DPW, Planning Board, CPC, Conservation

and to make the survey results available to residents via the Town Web site.

- There was a discussion of which graphs to include in report
2. Status of Open Space and Recreation report
 - The Chair reminded the committee that the report was due to the BOS in October. She then solicited comments on a section of her draft. All members have commented
 - There was a discussion about the EJN-just talk about capping the landfill
 3. Community Input.
 - Ms. Mooney asked if there would be public comment on the report. She was told there would be a public session to solicit any content comments. Comments of an editorial nature would not be appropriate.
 4. The minutes of May 2, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
 5. The next meeting of the committee is at 6:30 on Thursday, July 13, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David J. McLachlan