

Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday 5/8/2020

In attendance:

Jeffrey Brochu, Amanda Gallerani, Russell Holden, Bob Contursi, Conservation Agent Holly Jones, CMRPC staff Dani Marini

Absent: Ryan Smith

Note: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A section 19, and the Governor's March 15th, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Open Space Committee was conducted via remote participation using zoom.

New Business.

1. Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves to the other committee members and explained their interest in serving on the Open Space Committee

2. Elect Officers

Motion: Mr. Brochu made a motion to nominate Mr. Holden to serve as chair. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0-0.

Motion: Mr. Contursi nominated Ms. Gallerani to serve as vice-chair. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0-0.

Motion: Mr. Holden nominated Mr. Contursi to serve as clerk. Mr. Brochu seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. Open Space Planning overview

Ms. Marini updated the Committee on the typical Open Space Planning process and where Uxbridge was in the process as well as explaining the role of the Committee and the role of CMRPC. CMRPC will do technical updates of the plan and mapping as well as assisting in outreach including survey production. The Committee is responsible for doing substantial local outreach, contributing local knowledge, and doing the accessibility survey portions of the plan.

4. Discussion and review of Open Space Survey

Discussion: It was agreed that rather than reviewing the survey during the meeting, the Open Space Survey draft would be distributed by email and comments would be collected and forwarded to Ms. Marini by the following Friday.

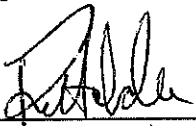
5. Next steps and updates on Open Space Plan

Discussion: Ms. Jones agreed to ask town I.T. for uxbridge-ma.gov email addresses for Committee members to professionalize communication and better accommodate Freedom of Information Act requirements. Ms. Marini agreed to send out the Open Space Survey as well as maps for Comments. Ms. Jones agreed to send out the most recent draft of the Open Space Plan and create a google drive folder for storing Open Space Committee business. Mr. Holden offered to do site walks of town-held Open Space parcels with Committee members. Committee members agreed to try to finalize the Open Space Survey as soon as possible and have a big push for residents to complete it in June.

Any other business which may lawfully come before the Committee

The next Open Space Committee meeting was scheduled to be held remotely at 12pm on May 22nd.

Signed:

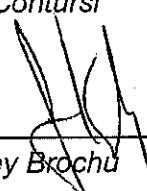


Russell Holden



Amanda Gallerani

Bob Contursi



Jeffrey Brochu

absent

Ryan Smith