

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
May 4, 2017 - DRAFT

Peg Arguimbau, Chair, Jon Wasserman, Stephen Cremer and Keevin Geller were the members present. Alan Westman, Meredith Avery and Michael Donatelle were not present. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also not present.

There were no other attendees of the meeting.

Meeting started at 7:45pm

Arguimbau asked that an Eagle Scout project update be put on the May 18 agenda.

Open Space Discussion/Work Session

At tonight's meeting the group reviewed Section 8: Goals and Objectives.

Goals

The group went through each goal and discussed its relevance, wording, etc... Notes/comments were made on PDF file of the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). This file, along with the PDF file from the April 13th will be emailed to Arguimbau so that she can make necessary updates.

Goal #4. This question is directed towards recreation. Arguimbau explained that the original OSRP Report contained an executive summary prepared by the Rec Advisory Group. Arguimbau believes that this will not be allowed in the updated OSRP Report, and that recreation will need to incorporate their information with what the Commission prepared. This may result in adding additional goals to the Open Space document.

Arguimbau asked if it were possible for April Forsman to forward to the Commission, the excel spreadsheet she developed and is maintaining on project updates with respect to Open Space. Arguimbau would like for this spreadsheet to be updated on a yearly basis.

There was a brief discussion on recycling and establishment of a proactive program to prevent dumping of trash on open space.

Public Outreach:

To coordinate with the Town Webmaster, local cable TV and the local newspaper, the Sharon Advocate, to advertise open space and recreational programs in order to promote and improve community education and public awareness.

Action Items

Arguimbau believes that it might be best to finalize the goals before tackling the action section. Further, it may be easier to update the action section from scratch, rather than changing the current wording.

Arguimbau will speak with Linda Berger about increasing recreational uses and improvements made to Community Center Beach. She will also show Berger the updated survey questions and ask if Recreation has any comments or suggestions. Arguimbau believes that survey questions regarding both conservation and recreation would be best.

Note: prior to Commission meeting on May 18th, send Arguimbau the two updated PDF files. She will incorporate the changes into the original word document. Once notes have been incorporated, Arguimbau will send the updated Report to the office to be used at the next meeting.

The next Commission meeting will be held on May 18. Depending upon what comes into the office, perhaps devote about 45 minute to the open space plan.

Motion to adjourn

Cremer, Geller 4-0-0 (Motion Passed)