



## **Open Space Committee**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, May 26, 2016, 7:30 pm**

**Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

Attendees: Ann LeRoy, David White, Joey Glushko, Wendy Richter, Teresa DeBenedictis, Kelsey Cowen

Absent: John Pickle, Jane Auger, Elena Bartholomew

Guests: Jenny Raitt, Planning Director; prospective OSC member Brian Kelder

Minutes by Kelsey Cowen

The Committee accepted the revised minutes of the April meeting (also by Kelsey).

Jenny Raitt met with the committee to assure the group that the Planning Department would name a new staff member to take over after Joey retires at the end of May. We discussed the work of the committee and our great appreciation of all that Joey has done to help the committee for many years.

Committee Membership: Brian Kelder's membership will hopefully be approved as of June 6--manager's office followed up with the Selectmen and Brian was added to the June 6 Board of Selectmen agenda.

The committee is in need of a Vision 2020 liaison. Vision 2020's next meeting is scheduled for the beginning of the week of 6/6/2016, and the discussion on who the new liaison may happen then.

Department of Public Works liaison will continue to be Teresa DeBenedictis.

The website has a new list of committee members' names, except for Wendy Richter. Joey will put in a request to update the list of members to include Wendy and Brian Kelder after Brian has been approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Ann gave the Open Space Committee's oral report to the Town Meeting. The printed report is in the Town's Annual Report publication. She announced that the Open Space and Recreation Plan for 2015-2022 was approved by the state and that printed

and web-based copies are now available. She also announced the new Open Space app on the website.

Connecting Arlington Project: The Committee continued to brainstorm names for the walking route project, and have settled on the tagline “Take a walk!” There is some room for a project “subtitle” such as “Connecting Arlington’s Resources,” but no decisions on the subtitle were made.

Kelsey and Wendy were named part of the project’s work group to plan to show the project at Town Day. Their first order of business was to meet with Town GIS expert Adam Kurowski to develop an interactive map to get feedback from members of the Committee and other town members.

Picture Post: John Pickle and David White along with two other Arlington residents have put in three Picture Posts at the Arlington Reservation. David and John will work on an article on the posts for the Advocate and a blurb for the Vision2020 banner on the website. The Committee also identified a need for a Picture Post contact email that town residents can contact with questions.

Open Space Plan: Wendy brought up a concern later in the meeting about the need for maintenance of Arlington’s Open Spaces—which is included in the Open Space Plan. The DPW already has some infrastructure in place to support voluntary public clean ups, and the Committee is looking into options to give that module more facetime to the public.