



Open Space Committee

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room

Minutes

Present: David White, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Brian Kelder, John Pickle, Wendy Richter

Absent: Ann LeRoy, Shirley Canniff, Kelsey Cowen, Teresa DeBenedictis, Emily Sullivan

1. Minutes

The minutes of the May 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted with minor revisions.

Note: A quorum of OSC members wasn't present to vote on the minutes.

2. OSC Administration/Communications

John, Wendy and Brian reported that they had been contacted about their reappointment to the Committee. They agreed to review and follow through on their status and encouraged others to do the same.

Brian reported that he now has access through Adam Kurowski to the Flickr account of "Experiencing Arlington's Open Spaces" story map on the website and has updated the photos for Magnolia/Thorndike. He encouraged everyone to review the EAOS story map for further updates. Other changes (such as layout or text other than photo captions) are also possible, but will require additional password access.

Ann will be registering for the OSC Town Day booth, with Emily's assistance in accessing the Committee's funds. It was suggested that the Conservation Commission, Arlington Land Trust and Open Space Committee request adjacent booths.

3. Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)

Wendy reported that she sent Emily the link to access the Google drive tracking system for Town projects, actions and accomplishments. She had not yet heard any follow up from Emily.

Take-A-Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces:

Wendy reported that Adam Kurowski had worked through all the revisions to the walking maps from the working group. She will email a pdf of the full set of updated maps to the entire committee and encourage everyone to review and respond with any revisions within

two weeks so we can get final revisions to Adam in a timely manner.

4. Picture Post

John reported that the supplier for the Picture Post caps was out of stock and that a new vendor/manufacturer may be needed. Since John has the construction drawings and the design is simple, it was suggested that we could make the caps needed for this year from plastic lumber or by 3-D printing. He also reported that Picture Post's hosting was in transition from UNH to the U of Oklahoma.

Elisabeth reported that posts for the new fence at Robbins Farm Garden (one of which will host a post cap) would go in soon. A post could be installed at Magnolia Community Garden as soon as materials can be secured, but Spy Pond Park will need to wait until fall due to construction.

5. CPA Project Updates

David reported that the Town has hired a consultant to keep the pump at the Res working through the swimming season and is putting the project back out for bids for the fall in the hope that quotes will come in on budget for this later time frame.

Other 2019-2020 Open Space Community Preservation Act projects (Arlington Reservoir, Hardy School Playground) were approved at Town Meeting.

6. Other News and Reports

David reported that the Municipal Vulnerability Grant project for Mill Brook at Wellington Park would be completed by the June 30th deadline and that a grand re-opening is planned for July.

Ideas for the Town Day booth were discussed. They included asking for a large map of the Town showing all of the walking routes to accompany the printed route maps as well as information on the Mill Brook / Wellington Park projects.

Minutes submitted by Elisabeth Carr-Jones

Upcoming Meeting Dates: July and August TBD, September 26, October 24