

***Lancaster Open Space & Recreation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 4:00 PM
Lancaster Town Hall***

In attendance: Noreen Piazza, David Koonce, Cara Sanford, Christa Duprey, Tim Castner

Minutes

Noreen Piazza circulated the minutes from the 3/22 meeting. No changes or corrections were noted.

Update – Open Space and Recreation Plan – 2017

Preliminary Survey Results

N. Piazza reported that the OSRP surveys were sent out to 2,895 households in late March. To date, 202 surveys have been returned with a 4/28 deadline date. This represents about a 7% return. More surveys are expected to trickle in over the coming weeks.

N. Piazza also requested the services of MRPC (as part of the DLTA grant) to tabulate the surveys and compile an analysis based on the results. MRPC expects to have this completed by early June.

Chapter Updates

Chapter 1 – C. Duprey submitted new edits, N. Piazza will incorporate and circulate for final review.

Chapter 2 – All edits have been incorporated, N. Piazza will circulate for final review.

Chapter 3 – N. Piazza has started an update and will work with MRPC on specific sub-sections.

Chapter 4 – Major edits were made by Tom Christopher, Cara Sanford and David Koonce. David will compile all of the edits and have a final copy ready for the 5/24 OSRC meeting.

Chapter 5 – Major edits were made by David Koonce and Christa Duprey. David will compile all of the edits and have a final copy ready for the 5/24 OSRC meeting.

For the 5/24 OSRC, there will be another group review of Chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as a new update of Chapter 7.

Updates of Chapters 8 and 9 will be moved from 5/24 to 6/28.

Cara Sanford reminded the committee that any ADA plans should be updated and submitted as part of the Appendix to the 2017 OSRP. She also recommended that any Environmental Justice (EJ) outreach activities be highlighted in the plan update.

Update – Parcel Transfers

Town Forest

Parcels 33-82 and 33-82A (former Hawkins parcels) will be transferred from BOS ownership to Conservation Commission ownership for May ATM. D. Koonce drafted the warrant article and submitted by the 4/3 deadline.

Tim Castner and D. Koonce attended the April Finance Committee and BOS meetings to discuss the warrant article for the transfer of the appraisal funds for the Dymont/Dolan parcels from the LAND Grant. It was determined that this transfer should wait until the Special Town Meeting in October when the Town's final FY18 budget will be voted.

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Parcels 14-18 and 18-65 will also be transferred from the BOS to the Conservation Commission. D. Koonce drafted the warrant article and submitted by the 4/3 deadline.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the OSRC will be held on 5/24. An agenda is forthcoming.