

Meeting of the Open Space Committee
Zoom meeting
February 7, 2022

Zoom meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

Present: Harold Thomas, Mary Dunn, Bob Meader, Judy Grecco, Joe Grecco, John Ferraro

Guest: Mark Caldwell, Trail Team member

January 3 meeting notes approved.

Trail Maintenance:

Colby Phillips: It appears Doug Thomson has cleared some downed trees. Mark Caldwell, new member of Trail Team and neighbor, reports some work still required. Notes some boards on newly replaced boardwalk have popped up and need to be screwed down. He plans to visit after snow melts. We welcomed Mark to group, and thanked him for his work.

Chapman's Landing: Owen Grey of Wildlands Trust will be clearing some trees from trail prior to a scheduled public walk on Friday, 2/11. Mary arranging Water Dept. gate to be opened for staging.

Indian Head River Trail: Leaning tree near Water Street parking has been removed. Likely DPW did the work, as a work-order had been placed.

Shinglemill Brook Trail: Bob reports large downed tree near Virginia Drive has been removed. May have been a neighbor.

CPC Application: Request for funding trail work has been approved by CPC and advances to Town Meeting Warrant. We discussed viewing platform. Mary will request a more detailed drawing from Lucas Nichols for presentation (or photos of similar work he has completed).

Conservation Restrictions:

No updates.

Addendum: Mary asked for status at 2/8 CPC meeting. Ann Lee reports Town is awaiting response on wording from Wildlands Trust. Mary will follow-up. CR on Sylvester Field still awaits Select Board approval.

Indian Head River Coalition:

Coalition meeting scheduled 2/14.

Rail Trail:

No updates. We believe a new grant request for matching money from DCR has been submitted.

Conflict of Interest Law:

Hal requests all who have not yet signed the statement attesting to last year's training to please sign and return to him.

Fireworks Update:

Hal attended recent meeting on status of clean-up. Tons of explosive materials have been found and detonated – much larger amount than anticipated. More funds will be required to complete clean-up. Likely six more years of work. Recording of meeting is available to view on Town website.

Next meeting: March 7, 2022

Submitted by Mary Dunn