

## **Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 28, 2021

Time: 7:02 p.m.

Place: Internet/Zoom call hosted by Beth O'Connor

### **Attendees:**

Members: Andy Brengle, Co-Chair, Katie Hone, Ralph Williams, Andrea Lacroix, Erin Coates-Connor

Associates: Larry Eliot, Monty Monroe, Ed Monnelly

Staff: Beth O'Connor, Open Space Steward

#### 1. Citizen queries

None.

#### 2. Minutes from May 24, 2021 meeting

Andrea moved to approve the minutes with corrections to the executive session minutes. Katie seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### 3. Committee Membership

Monty Monroe is now an Associate member of the OSC.

#### 4. Open Space Manager Position Interviews

We have 2 candidates who we interviewed last week. One stands out and we made an offer. The candidate has conditionally accepted, with negotiations to follow.

#### 5. 55 Waldingfield Road, ORA pre-permitting development review committee

Andy has been designated to be on a pre-permitting review committee meeting this Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm with Ora Inc., who plans to close on the property on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Andy can't make the meeting. It is an early review meeting to air any issues that may come up. Wayne will attend representing the Ipswich River Watershed Association. Ralph Williams volunteered to attend the meeting as a representative of OSC.

#### 6. Future OSC meetings in-person / Zoom

The committee discussed if we want to hold future meetings in person. We discussed having everyone wear a mask in the meeting, whether they or not they are vaccinated. Currently the only options the town can accommodate are to have either everyone in person or everyone on Zoom. We decided to stick with Zoom for now and then re-assess at the next meeting.

#### 7. Executive Session

The committee entered Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. on a motion from Ralph, seconded by Katie, and passed after a unanimous roll call vote. The committee exited Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

#### 8. Other Items not reasonably anticipated

Andrea asked if we need to do anything soon to renew OSC membership for the next year. Andy is going to ask about renewal letters from the town moderator.

#### 9. Adjournment

After noting the date of the next meeting as July 26<sup>th</sup>, the committee voted to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Coates-Connor