

**Approved minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:30 PM
Rockport Town Hall Annex**

Members in attendance: Lawrence Neal (LN), Stephanie Cunningham (SC), Peter Van Demark (PV), Ted Tarr (TT),

Members absent: None

Guest in attendance: J. Gardner DPW Commissioner, Z. Seppala

7:35PM Meeting called to order

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by SC and seconded by PV to approve the August 8, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 4/0 vote.

Open Discussion

Jim Gardner requested that the Committee supports a place to be designed and maintained specifically for the launching and boarding of small, people powered water craft. This includes kayaks, rowing shells and canoes. These craft are very popular, and that popularity continues to grow. Cape Ann has hosted a major people power event for several years, the Blackburn Challenge. It passes through Rockport waters. Jim has reviewed all of the water access areas in Rockport and there aren't any that really supports the light water craft's needs. The committee members feel his description is correct and having what he is proposing would be a plus for the town people's active recreation as well as the demographic profile businesses and the town seem to target. Although this is in the earliest planning stages, as Jim is presenting it to the various related committees, it seems from the information available this can be done with modest expenses. SC will investigate possible grant funding for this type of project and forward the information to Jim. It would also seem that Granite Pier area, the only ocean access point in town with a large non-resident parking area, should be investigated for the purpose. LN made a motion and SC seconded " that OSRC support the concept of a people powered, water craft launching area to be installed at Granite Pier" It passed 4/0.

Kiosk at Waring field

The Rockport DPW has installed both trail head Kiosk. The first at Waring Fields and the seconded at Pine pit. They were built through Nick Holland and Cape Ann Trails. We thank all involved for their work.

OSR Plan Review:

LN spoke with the Chair of the BOS (Paul Murphy) about there being a discussion by BOS to hire an independent town land review. Our committee thinks this would be a significant item to include in plan update and the update process. He said the person has not been hired yet or their goals set. We would be contacted by the Town Administrator about this.

LN has done many draft edits to Section 4. Received updated info from the DPW on change to unrestricted sewer hook ups. When done with edits, he will forward the section to SC for an initial review and her input on updates to the wildlife portions of section 4.

GIS and Trail Mapping:

SC to walk and record trails Pine Pit area to verify new trail map.

Next Actions on OSR Plan:

LN continues changes mostly related to water system and new wells. SC working on intro sections.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics:

Next meeting 3 Oct 2016

Motion to Adjourn: 8:44PM LN motioned to adjourn, PV seconded. Vote passed 4/0

These minutes prepared by LN