

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 14 2016, at 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Annex**

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

**Members absent:** Stephanie Cunningham (SC)

**Guest in attendance:** Diane Cartwright member of Watershed Protection Committee, Tom Mikus member of Right of Ways Committee and Green Committee

**745PM Meeting called to order**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by LN seconded by PV to approve the Jan 11, 2016 minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 3/0 vote.

**Open Discussion:**

Diane Cartwright discussed the work of her committee. They are working to establish the activity that has taken place around Watershed Vulnerability report that was requirement after 9/11. Also they are working to understand if anyone is monitoring when private property in abutting town well field and reservoirs is offered for sale. She said the committee is also open to suggestions about actives they may become involved with.

**GIS and Trail Mapping:**

LN review information we have on trails OSRC member's regularly walk, type "path" or "road", general condition and observed frequency of usage.

PV add south woods trails from trail map supplied by unidentified contributor and trails through golf course to water tower.

Suggestion that "Open Street Maps" offers most accurate trail map online. This is an open web site that is can edited by anyone.

Next priority needs to be developed for protection list of the private parcels that have the most important trails passing over them.

**Stewardship and land activity:**

Two kiosk have been built by Nick Holland Cape Ann trails. They are for Waring field and Pine Pit. Nick is doing the trail maps. ConCom will work with DPW to install.

DPW is purchasing land adjacent to Carlson's quarry to protect reservoir. The land has trail/ old dirt road from Granite Street to Steel Derrick quarry

Woodland acres is attracting private developer interest. Maybe possible to protect rail trail area with new owners. Essex County Greenbelt maybe interested in that approach. ConCom will meet with ECG to discuss. The public foot passage on Lanes Farm Way with only agricultural related development of Bryant fields has come under agreement with Essex County Greenbelt and Conservation Easement approved by ConCom and BOS.

**Next Actions on OSR Plan:**

2009 OSR Plan is now available on new town web site. It is on a drop down next to Committee title on committee search screen and on OSR front page as a click on.

PV will review our current information with the latest changes and publish to committee as 2016 draft updated OSR Plan

LN will review the requirements for updating plan. Workbook and contact the plan reviewer from state.

LN, our committee will need money from BOS to advertise public meetings and publish a few hard copies of Updated plan.

**Meeting Dates and Topics:**

Next meeting: 11 April 2016 Continue work towards a short list of Private parcels for protection, Meeting at Town Hall Annex

Meeting topic could be how to best display trail info in relation to new web site. Photos of locations to emphasis, trail maps parking locations? How to best use new web site to promote use and support of open space?

**Motion to Adjourn:** 9:12PM PV motioned to adjourn, LN seconded. Vote passed 3/0

These minutes prepared by LN