

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 16 2016, at 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Annex**

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

**Members absent:** Ted Tarr

**Guest in attendance:** Tom Mikus ROW committee

**735PM Meeting called to order**

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**GIS and Trail Mapping:**

Nick Holland from Cape Ann Trails has requested a review of the trail map for proposed Waring Field kiosk. SC spent a couple of sessions at site electronically recording her walk and taking photos of conditions. The following is an email sent to Cape Ann Trails and Rockport ROW of this meeting's related discussion.

Hi Nick, Just working on notes from our Open Space last meeting. We have spent a good amount of time with trail map a Waring field. If you can decipher my scribbling from the meeting hopefully this will do you some good in thinking a map information presented at Waring Field Kiosk.

Some highlights.

1. Stephanie Cunningham took the lead and has reviewed trails that were being presented. FYI Stephanie is a regular hiker of all types of terrain. I think her analysis is excellent. Our goal if you will are is the map presented accurate and what is the quality and condition of the trail.
- 2 Stephanie recorded location where she was walking, and supplemented it with photos and Peter Van Demark overlaid that for presentation, while reviewing what had been collected before to make the map you see
3. The meeting was a good discussion and generation of ideas many of which are hand written on the attached plan
4. If you notice we coded along the side of the trails conditions found. Green high light we consider those trails most adults and children would enjoy walking on. Red high light where trails found from more difficult to hardly passable. Narrow, rocky and very wet with water at calf height, and covered with ticks. People really need to understand what they are getting into if they use them. There is a short group of trails partially marked. Stephanie (again a veteran at this) could not find these trails
5. A real must, people really need to be warned that they will be walking near the Golf T (near barn). They were hitting off of it just as she was about to come out into clearing and could of walked right into the area of ball path, really dangerous
6. Golf club related. Dog walkers need to keep their dog restrained anywhere near golf course and also behind houses near Delamater. Front Waring field seems to be OK for dog walking without leach, but that may need to be considered further as time goes on.
7. Where we are planning on put Kiosk at Waring field would be a good place for a marked cross walk on South Street
8. The trails are still pretty confusing as to where you are exactly. They could use more marking with a clear color code and numbers maybe. Also phone app. Some trail intersection need to clear and marked. Finding the stream bridge can be a challenge. Maybe cut a short grass narrow path across field to mark it?

9. Along those lines it may be useful to develop (in general) a "Good 30 minute family walk"? "Good 60 min walk?". Show them at kiosk map, and on line, smart phone? For this area the 30min would be from kiosk on green trail maybe down end of first Waring field and return? 60 min could be, kiosk to back Waring field across the bridge and around green circle and back start kiosk as you had come or from back Waring field out to South Street (good side walk on South St and its pretty walking past Smiths farm land with distant ocean view, you pass entrance to public way to ocean at steep bank landing and then continue back to first Waring field

Stephanie deserves special Kudos for her truly in the trenches work with this, (her trail partner would not go back after first day) and Peter for presentation and capturing of info.

Trails to water tower still need GPS recorded and condition photo and reviewed. Con Agent has received a few maps from horse riders of the old trails for us to review.

**Draft Plan Update:** LN updated the Plan update requirements spread sheet. LN will add proposed edits of section 4 and update all sections relating to deep rock wells now on line. PV will review most current demographic data in section 3. SC will do a full draft update of Section 2 to change it from about the creating the 2009 plan to doing 2017 plan formal update. PV has created and distributed a Dropbox folder where each section can be copied and revised with proposed edits.

Requirement of plan update is to solicit comments on the draft from BSO, Planning Board, ConCom, ROW, and public through meeting and printed draft plan available at library and town hall is all needed.

**Future Meeting Dates and Topics:**

Next meeting: Second Monday in June. 2016 Continue work towards plan update and short list of Private parcels for protection, Meeting at Town Hall Annex

**Motion to Adjourn:** 9:35PM PV motioned to adjourn, SC seconded. Vote passed 3/0

These minutes prepared by LN