



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE
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MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2022

Present: Barbara McNamee (Chair), Mike Tonry, Joel Vande Werken, and Gary Bechtholdt (Town Planner)
Absent: Chloe Mawn, David Troen-Krasnow, Rainer Forst, Glenn King, Christine Johnson, & Bruce Frieswick

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair B McNamee opens the meeting.

II. SECTION UPDATES

Section updates (and contact for each section): updates for each section are being posted on Google Docs as they are completed. Once complete, each section should be sent to G Bechtholdt in Word format.

- a. Sections III-VII are largely complete and will be sent to G Bechtholdt for review and editing for consistency in style across each section.
- b. Sections VIII-IX: Goals and Objectives and Action Steps -G Bechtholdt will review the requirements for these sections and work to establish a rough outline. Committee members should come to the next meeting with a list of about 5 action steps for the group to consider in preparation for the completion of Section IX.
- c. Sections I-II: these will be assigned once the other sections are complete.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- a. The minutes of the June 08, 2022 meeting are approved as presented.
- b. Timeline: the committee is continuing to work on the OSRP in the hopes that it can be finalized by September
- c. Public Outreach: these steps are largely completed for the moment and the information has been included in the drafts of the report.
- d. Status of ADA Self-Evaluation: B McNamee will contact the Disabilities Commission to see if there is any further information that needs to be included in our report.
- e. Future Agenda Items:

- i. The idea of attending a Playground & Recreation Commission meeting will be evaluated again as we work on the report to see if any additional information is needed from that group.
- ii. G King has been working on the information needed for the environmental justice portion of the report now required by state law; G Bechtholdt will assist.
- iii. A potential presentation to the Select Board will be considered once the initial draft of the OSRP is complete (hopefully September).
- f. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm; manner of meeting to be determined in accordance with the current town policies at that time.

IV. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:45 p.m.

Prepared By: Joel Vande Werken, Clerk

Date Approved: _____