Received For Record At Plainfield CT
On 10/31/2022 @ 8:30Am
Attest: Dianne S. Talbot
Town Clerk

Open Space Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2022

Location: Plainfield Town Hall, 8 Community Ave. Plainfield, CT 06374

Time: Larry Brisson called the meeting to order at 6:02

Present: Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Larry Brisson, Lu-Ann Cunningham, Jordan Lumpkins, Rick Martel, Vernon Gray, Jr., Mark Simmons, Kevin Cunningham

Members Absent: Sherry Harmon, John Meyer

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Rick Martel moved to accept the September 28, 2022 minutes, Lu-Ann Cunningham seconded. One abstention, majority in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Updates from Recreation Department
    1. Would like to have a clear and concise committee report by February 2023 with a plan to present. We would then move the committee to quarterly meetings. A prepared Vision Statement would be helpful in creating and applying for grant opportunities
    -Mark will send the survey results and other helpful information to the committee via email.
    -Questions: Point of access, significant wetlands
    -Site walk: Sunday November 20, 2022 – 8:30am, meet at the bridge, dress for conditions

    2. Nate from Connwood will no longer be working for them. Moving forward, the town would request a larger firm, with more experience to contract for the project.
    -Nate is completing the updates and that will finalize the contract
    Service Forester versus
- Committee review of forestry stewardship Plan – No work completed during the meeting.

New Business:

1. CTDEEP-NDDB Program (threatened and endangered species)
    - Mark will investigate options and proceed
    - Grant Opportunities:
        - Community Foundation of Eastern CT – Significant Progress must be made by January 2023

- Officer Discussion
    - Larry Brisson motioned to nominate Jennie Kapszukiewicz as chairman and Sherry Harmon as Secretary, Vernon Gray, Jr., seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment: Kevin Cunningham appreciates the work of the committee.

Next Meeting: Site walk on Sunday November 20, 2022 @ 8:30, Regular Meeting December 28, 2022 @ 6:00PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:55pm by Jennie Kapszukiewicz, seconded by Rick Martel . All in favor, motion carries.

Recorded by: Jennie Kapszukiewicz