

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 3, 2023

**Members Present:** Kelly McClintock, Sam Nelson, Tom Trainor, Dave Killeen, Nicole Wiemeyer, and Nick Rodenhouse

**Associate Members absent:** Marian Neutra

**Guests:** Dave Welch, Matt Oleyer, and Kevin Stephenson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the chair at 5:08 PM.

**Review of agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted by a vote of 6 to 0.

**Approval of minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of August 7 were approved by a roll call vote of 6 to 0.

**Introduction of Dave Welch**

Dave introduced himself as the part time staff of the Recreation Commission, and he will be our liaison with the REC for purposes of the OSRP update. Dave was greeted warmly, and with appreciation for the very large role recreation has in the town's use and enjoyment of its open spaces.

**Update of the 2018 OSRP  
SharePoint**

Nick and Tom walked the meeting through the mechanics of using SharePoint, the town's file management system set up by Klaus Ullmann, the town's part time IT master.

All the relevant files relating to updating the OSRP are posted on SharePoint, and any one of us can access them and make comments or edit the text. Nick expressed his preference that we limit ourselves, at least for the time being, to adding comments so as not to confuse the text itself. We are all encouraged to log into the files and experiment with managing them.

Tom suggested that when we get into more serious commenting and editing that small teams be responsible for updating relevant portions of the Plan, and then bring their conclusions to the OSC as a whole for discussion. Tom will also check out security for the files, and how to make sure that nothing is lost in the editing and commenting process.

As an extension on his review of the implementation tables, and progress by SFTA, Kelly will experiment with the relevant SFTA entries in the tables and get comments from the OSC on what works best at the next meeting.

**Preparing an overall workplan**

Tom recommended that for the next meeting he, Kelly, Marian, and Dave Killeen (as our members who have been through this before) propose the outline of a time-plan and overall schedule for our work for the next two years.

**Millborn Farm**

Sam briefed the meeting on the status of the Trustees' potential purchase of Millborn Farm, and the matching funds being set up by SRLF and SFTA. He conveyed the need for Sherborn broadly to show its enthusiasm for protecting this property, and the OSC voted 6 – 0 to strongly endorse the project.

**Solar panel alert**

Nick expressed his concern about large solar panel installations and their potential effect on forest cover. All agreed that strong protective regulations were needed.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be Tuesday November 7 at 5:00 PM

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly McClintock