

July 22, 2020
Trails and Open Space Advisory Committee
Meeting Record

Members Present Electronically

Mike Ferris, Committee Chair
Bob Schiowitz, Vice-Chair
Martyn Pearson, Member
Jim Wightman, Member
Peter Gorman, Member

Others Present

Jaime Embick, Staff

Members Absent

None

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm

Approval of Minutes: Jim moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2020 meeting as submitted. Martyn seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote of 5/0.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1. Proposed Committee Work Program 2020-2021 presentation by Chair and discussion by committee:

Mike reviewed the handouts that he prepared for a work plan for the current fiscal year. It will be task oriented vs. the current sub-committee structure. Peter stated that he is interested in updating the town plans. Martyn stated that he would like to work on trail planning.

2. Volunteer agreement to set parameters for trial work presentation by Martyn:

Martyn suggested creating a volunteer agreement with the Town so that parameters are set for work that will be allowed. He gave the example that it could give specific types of work that are allowed for instance hand tools vs. power tools. Mike suggested this could fall under the trail maintenance tasks.

Public Input

None

Committee Discussion:

Bob asked about the dumping of sewer into the manhole by Humphries Enterprises. Jaime stated that they were using an existing manhole with enough capacity and it was a temporary contract. She asked if it was interfering with the use of the trial and the group replied that it is not.

Jim asked if the issue with Dominic and a committee member had been resolved. Jaime said that it had not. Jim then stated that he will re-apply for the committee and that he has changed his mind about continuing to serve.

Martyn stated that he had a couple of people who were interested in applying to serve on the committee.

Bob asked if new committee members had to be 18. Jaime stated that she would ask the Town Clerk. Martyn suggested a shorter term for students because two years can overlap their graduation date.

Mike asked about activity on Mr. Horton’s property. Jaime stated that it is industrially zoned and that he has been active on the property for several years. He did not have a specific example of the activity and will bring the information to the next meeting.

Staff Report

Jaime gave an update on Mr. Marshall’s progress on the Alcorta property acquisition.

Adjournment: 5:45pm

Approved:

Michael Ferris,

Chair

Date:
