



Town of Lyme
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Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2018

In attendance: Parker Lord, Paul Armond, Ross Byrne, Barbara David, Wendolyn Hill, Anthony Irving, George Lombardino, and Lucius Stark

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm. Business items discussed included:

1. Ross Byrne of Planning & Zoning has joined the Open Space Commission.
2. Johnston Property: The State, as expected, requested additional documentation (e.g., a title search and survey map) prior to releasing funds for the Johnston property. George Moore volunteered to complete DEEP's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition package. Dave Stygar continues to promote efforts to drive this process forward. Construction of trails will commence following the close; flagging, however, can begin at once. Anthony, with Wendy's assistance, will supervise trail creation. Various names for the preserve were debated, including North Woods and Deep Hollow.
3. Managing open space: Continuing a discussion from the January meeting, Parker solicited ideas on how OSC might take a more active role in managing open space. Tony, after pointing out the need for a set of specific goals, recommended using the Young Preserve plan as a template. Barbara suggested land management, although not currently within our purview, could be part of an expanded mission for OSC.
4. Selden Landing: Wendy proposed adding a bench and picnic table to the preserve. Parker favored installing a bench as a first step. Meanwhile, bridging a 100-foot expanse of mudflats and wild rice to allow water access for kayakers has proven difficult. The articulated concrete walkway earlier considered is prohibitively expensive. A sheet of fiberglass I-beam shaped boards, on the other hand, might offer a cost-effective and virtually invisible solution. Parker confirmed that OSC funds, which are earmarked only for land acquisition, cannot be applied to this project.
5. A motion was made by Anthony Irving, seconded by Barbara David and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.