

Open Space Commission

Meeting Minutes May 22, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. Business items discussed included:

- 1. Johnston Property: Preparation of additional documents requested by the State as a prerequisite to releasing funds continues. The new preserve, based on various proposals considered by OSC, will be named "North Woods" and feature a "Deep Hollow Trail".
- 2. Selden Landing: Paul displayed a conceptual map prepared by Keith Neilson of Docko Inc. showing a possible pathway that would facilitate water access for kayakers. Keith recommended bridging a 100-foot expanse of mudflats and wild rice marsh using linked sheets of fiberglass, I-beam shaped boards. Paul described the boards, which are anchored in the mud, and agreed to provide a sample and cost estimate. In response to Ross' concern that the boards, when submerged repeatedly by high tide, will become slippery, Parker suggested installing one sheet at the site to assess its durability.
- 3. Jewett Preserve: Lyme residents have voted to accept the donation of a small property encompassing the Emerson cemetery near the entrance to Jewett Preserve. Unexpectedly, an easement allowing maintenance vehicle access and space for visitor parking was not included in the transfer. Parker stressed the need to ensure parking in perpetuity at the preserve. He'll speak with the current landowner regarding removing parking restrictions in an area adjacent to the cemetery.
- 4. A motion was made by Wendy, seconded by Lucius and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.