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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting.

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:00 pm
REMOTE MEETING

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X		X	

Tina opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

• Brochure Update

Charlie reached out to Fran and she will work with Charlie on the brochure. Denise will talk to Sandy about the brochure. Tina asked if we should add a whole column just for invasive species management. It was decided if there was enough room then they would add it. Denise will talk to Sandy about the brochure and send her an electronic and copy and a hard copy.

• Open Space at The Willows ("Salmon")

Denise, Jim and Tina walked the area and Tina thinks if they got rid of the invasives along the river then it would be gorgeous. Denise thought the first part of the path was really nice and the canoe launch area looks good. It would be good to put a kiosk there and in the parking area. Denise asked why is there such a big hurry on the signs if the trail is not even established yet. Charlie stated they probably want it for marketing purposes. Jim stated the first part was really nice looking down at the river and across to the marshes and down to the canoe launch area. The rest of the area is messy and doesn't look very nice. Tina stated they also toured the facility and thought it was very impressive. Tina thinks Jeff Robinson would be willing to work with the town to make the trail nicer. Tina stated where the trail turns and you can see where there once was a bridge, maybe they could put a bench or a picnic table there. Also, a sign that states where the trail goes and what the bridge was used for would be good. Denise will look into what the bridge was used for and the wording for the sign.

- **Maintenance of trail from Senior Center to Rail Bed (Jim)**

Jim stated Steve Carew asked if he should remove a fallen timber. Jim was not sure. Do we want to explore what could be done to make it an efficient trail. If the rail bed was cleaned up it would be a nice walking area. Charlie stated he is not sure who owns the properties but people are using the trail. Tina stated Glenn is the one that really wanted the trail. Tina will send an email and the map to Glenn and Michael Boynton and explain the three areas that the owners need to be identified.

- **Medway Master Plan Task Force update (Denise)**

Denise stated there has only been one meeting and each member had an interview with the consultant. The forum is coming up soon and she sent the flyer to the committee members. Denise asked that the committee members send their priorities to her in an email so she can include them. All committee members will send their priorities to Denise.

- **Prior Funding Articles (Tina)**

Tina stated this is all set and will be addressed at the town meeting.

- **Lovering Street Parking Lot (Tina)**

Tina met with Pete yesterday. Tina thought they might want to take down some of the small saplings as it could give them an extra foot of space. Tina stated maybe she, Joanne and Denise could meet there one day see the best way to fit more than three cars in.

- **Adams Meadow “donuts” (Jim)**

Nothing to report, may want to rename this to “Vehicle Barriers”

- **Amphitheater Village Street Access (Mike)**

Tina sent a conceptual drawing to the OSC members present at the meeting. Tina thought maybe they could fill in with gravel and have landing spots to make the turn. Tina stated they may have to cut into the first landing spot and stabilize it and address the water flow. Mike asked if DPW could support this type of project. Tina stated they could help clean up the first two landings. Mike stated they might want to work on the area in phases. They could start with tree work as there is a large locust tree and some small dead trees that should come down so they can grade that area. Mike stated they might want to consult with a landscape design company. Tina stated there is a hammock and play area on the town land that should be removed and that would allow for more parking spaces. Mike will send Tina the engineered drawing and she will consult with RP Marzilli Landscape & Design Company.

- **Land Management Plan update (Jim)**

Nothing to update at this time. Jim will follow up with Daryl Blethen, DPW.

- **Treating Invasives (Jim)**

Jim discussed the development of the policy for managing invasive species with Bridget and the ConCom on a zoom meeting. They encouraged him and Bridget to flush

it out some more over the next few weeks. Dave Travalini asked if he can bring this up with the Master Plan Consultant and everyone was supportive of that. Jim will talk to Julie Harrington about having some invasive workshops.

- **Coordination of scout and volunteer projects (Tina)**

Tina stated this is still in progress. Tina will ask Michael Boynton to formalize this. Tina has to do something to make sure that all committees share info about projects.

- **Dog signs subcommittee (Denise)**

Denise spoke with Allison Potter about this. Allison checked with a few other boards and stated they don't need any other approval and they can post signs that dogs must be on leash. Denise will look into the cost of already made signs and run it by Allison and Pete Pelletier to see if he has posts. Signs should be posted at the Adams Street parking lot, the access by the boardwalk and the Millstone entrance. Denise will talk to Julie about the sign at Thayer house and maybe a sign at the Amphitheater.

- **Process for submitting written comments on minutes**

Tracy will send the draft meeting minutes to all the committee members and they will send their comments/changes to Tina.

- **Approval of April 6, 2021 Minutes:**

Denise made a motion to approve the April 6, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Charlie seconded the motion and Charlie, Jim, Denise and Mike all stated they aye they were in favor and the minutes were approved.

- **Other items that may come before the committee**

Next meeting will be on June 1, 2021. Tina cannot attend but Denise will chair the meeting.

Adjourn

Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Charlie seconded the motion and Denise, Charlie, Jim and Tina all stated aye they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tracy Rozak