

Open Space Meeting-April 25th 2005

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

Attending: Celine Gandolfo, Steve Milkewicz, Ron Robillard

Robin Evans excused

Approval of minutes were postponed until the next meeting- we are in process of updating the minute submission to our town clerk

First discussion that Ron brought up was the tracks of dirt bikes onto conservation land—the tracks extend from Shank painter pond Conservation area and continue to the Clapps Pond conservation area....Steve confirmed that he had seen tracks also

Shankpainter Conservation land

Ron brought up the concern about the hand-railings and the difficulty of installation and maintenance. He also commented that he did not like the visual effect. Ron has also done research on disability walkways and restrictions and adaptations. He said it may be too hard. Ron said he had talked to the building commissioner who said there may be difficulty too when involving disability. Celine felt strongly that there needed to be a railing for the elderly and for those disabled. We will have further discussion about this.

The original specs for benches and walkways need to be adapted to wheelchair accessible.

Ron also recommended that he had done research on walkways for the disabled and that the crushed aggregate surface, if reinforced, would be fine.

Ron was a bit frustrated that the procedure to get this project completed was being drawn out too long. We need to take some steps to move along this project.

1. Talk to the Conservation Commission about our changes.
2. Call David at DPW for aials
3. Ask David about soil and the time line to have it sifted...When would it be done?
4. Post a Hearing because of the changes
5. Talk to beautification Committee about sponsoring Benches

Library Land

Steve brought up the fact that perhaps we should maybe have some influence on the front open space and suggest native plantings. Steve said many people are confused as to what is going on in front of the Library.

Ron Robillard as a full member

Steve made the motion to make Ron a full open Space member rather than an alternate. Celine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Closed meeting at 5:30pm