

# *TOWN OF LUNENBURG*

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## OPEN SPACE AD HOC COMMITTEE

CHARRETTE

MINUTES

October 16, 2018

**Meeting Posted:** Yes

**Place:** Town Hall, 17 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Members Present:** Brandon Kibbe, David Prokowiew, Bob Pease, Richard Brockelman, Sarah Cammer

**Absent:** Dennis Mannone (Parks)

**Also Present:** Karin Menard (Parks alternate)

Public information and comment session was called to order at 6:02 pm.

B. Kibbe gave a presentation providing an overview of the open space and recreation planning process, benefits to the Town, prior open space plan goals/objectives, and accomplishments from prior planning effort. Updating plan will result in a 7-year window of state grant eligibility.

B. Kibbe presented the results of the Open Space Survey that was mailed to nearly 4,900 taxpayers as a bill insert, was available online through Survey Monkey, downloadable on the Town website, and otherwise available at Town Hall as hardcopy. Four hundred thirty eight (438) responses received, deemed to be a very successful rate of return. Reviewed trends and highlights for each survey question from the consolidated data.

B. Kibbe presented draft mapping for the plan update, looking at the Town's various resources and discussing trends/priorities.

Public comments and general discussion:

1. Connectivity of walking trails, sidewalks, and interconnection between conservation, recreation, and local businesses. Focus in Whalom and Town Center districts.
2. Special zoning provisions near conservation/recreation areas to promote business linkages.
3. Need for good trail maps.

4. Master plan and improvements to Marshall Park due to its central location to Town. Need to bring the park back to former prominence, and develop for use and access by all residents not just organized sports.
5. Map of farms to connect people to local agriculture.
6. Regional trail connections. Integrate MRPC regional trail mapping effort.
7. Review inventory of lands held as “general municipal” land. Identify properties to be converted to the care and control of the Conservation Commission (like former school property at West Street, or Woodruff property), Parks Commission (for “pocket parks”, community gardens, or other resources), or other municipal needs, and consider selling truly “surplus” properties to get those back on the tax rolls.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Documents Used at Charrette:

Draft mapping