

# ***TOWN OF LUNENBURG***

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## MINUTES Open Space Ad Hoc Committee June 19, 2018

*Ritter Memorial Building, 960 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg, MA*

Open Space Committee: Present- Brandon Kibbe, David Prokowiew, Bob Pease, Richard Brockelman,  
Absent- Todd Dwyer

Others present: Rich Bursch of the Conservation Commission, Karin Menard and Dennis Mannone of the  
Parks Commission, Janice Carrier, Mr. Menard and Sarah Cammer of the general public

Meeting Called to order approximately 7:45pm

Minutes of May 30, 2018 accepted as amended (Motion Dave P., Second Bob Pease, All Aye)

The Open Space Plan was divided up into sections for editing at the previous meeting (May 30<sup>th</sup>). The  
members provided updates on their work to date on their assigned sections of the Open Space Plan (the  
document).

David Prokowiew- Estimate of \$300.00 to include survey with outgoing tax bills was accepted by Adam  
Burney, Director of the Planning Department. The survey made it to print on time and will be included.  
Mr. Burney also created a .pdf version and a live version on Survey Monkey to solicit further responses  
from the general public. Editing progresses on the first section of the document including updating  
narrative and charts and graphs with updated census data. Also talked to A. Burney about possibly  
creating an Open Space Implementation Committee to ensure recommendations are put into action.

Richard Brockelman- Continuing progress on updating information in the Population Characteristics  
section with updated census data from various sources. Brandon Kibbe suggests Mr. Prokowiew and Mr.  
Brockelman team up to avoid duplicate efforts.

Bob Pease- Evaluating and editing of environmental impact and analysis section continues. Recent  
updates should include the discovery of Blanding's Turtles found in the Large Town Forest, Foresting in the  
Small Town Forest. Mr. Pease proposes for consideration, bringing Recreation Commission member into  
the Open Space Committee.

Present Parks Commission members agree and would like to be a part of the ongoing efforts.

Mr. Kibbe introduced another possible At Large member, Sarah Cammer, who has specific expertise in  
water analysis and watershed mapping experience that could inform our efforts on the Open Space Plan.  
She is also a public school teacher.

Richard Bursch has an appointment to meet with Town Assessor Harald Scheid to review and update data in the GIS system to ensure land codes are accurate and up to date, descriptions are universal across platforms. Five new properties have been added to the lands under protection by the Conservation Commission including the Lane property, two parcels on Page St. He also did some prioritization work on some connecting pieces throughout town. Mr. Kibbe talked about possibly talking to DCR about a joint forest management plan, which would allow the town to gain access to certain parcels adjacent to the state forest, but without their own frontage in the northwest corner of town. Mr. Bursch also noted some errors in descriptions of parks and control including around the western edge of the Whalom lakefront, which is currently under Cons Comm control.

Mr. Pease asked what sources Mr. Kibbe had used in the previous version of the document. Mr. Kibbe explained it was all MA GIS.

Mr. Prokowiew mentioned that he had forwarded some information to Conservation Administrator, Matt Marro, regarding a Land Stewardship program in Chatham, MA which may serve as a model for a similar effort in Lunenburg.

Sarah Cammer then gave the group an introduction to a mobile application which assists with land management efforts by allowing users to record data including pictures of assets and conditions in real time in the field in a format that is easily customized, shared and integrated across various platforms. It is free at low levels of use, an annual license for extensive use would be approximately \$500.00 / yr.

Discussion turned to mapping trails. MRPC has done some mapping, Trail Riders have also been mapping.

Karin Menard noted that some of the parks descriptions in the narrative sections of the document need updating to correct errors and changes.

Mr. Kibbe reports ongoing progress with collecting data to update maps in the document. New maps will be in 11" x 17" format which will be more usable and will scale to 8.5" x 11" nicely. The same series of maps will be included, but with updated data.

Karin Menard volunteered to get copies of the warrant articles for new "Scenic Roadway" designations on Flat Hill and Northfield Rd.

Discussion continued on testing the new land assessment/management application. It was decided that the group would test the app by taking it into the field and giving it a try. Noted- 504 evaluations were not available at tonight's meeting. It is expected they will be available at the July meeting.

The following areas will be assessed as part of the application test.

Sarah- Clark's Hill

Rich Bursch- Small Town Forest

Bob Pease- Large Town Forest and Lane Property

David P- Laurel Bank and Wallis Park

Rich Brockelman- his own property

Brandon Kibbe- Marshall Park and McNally Park

There was some final discussion about Committee Composition and we decided we would address this question on an ongoing basis.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.