

Open Space and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Leyden Town Office Building
Monday August 12, 2024
5:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Bob DePalma, Michael Dobler, Pam Brown, Jim Brodeur, Karin Parks, Janell Howard, Al Woodhull

Others Present: Katherine DiMatteo

Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves around the table.

Overview of Committee's role, structure, and mandate and Discussion

- The committee has no timeline other than that the Open Space and Recreation Plan be worked on regularly as the committee sees fit.
- Ryan Cleary of FRCOG has many kinds of maps of Leyden that can be used.
- Complete Streets is a project of FRCOG funded by the State of Massachusetts. FRCOG will be coming and assessing all the roads of Leyden. This is an example of information available through other projects that could help this committee with its work.
- FRCOG is a great resource of information and possible money for projects.
- The committee should hold a public meeting or send out surveys to decide the priorities of the town after some initial work is completed. The Mass In Motion project by FRCOG has a recent survey that could be a place to start.

Selection of Chair of Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee

- The committee needs to decide on a chair for the committee.
- The chair would drive the committee and keep it progressing on the Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- A chair has not been decided yet to give committee members some time to think about it.
- A great place to start as a committee is to go over the 7-year plan and see if any of it has been done.
- Some of the information is not specific to our town in the current plan – it was background information provided by FRCOG. The committee can add additional information like invasive species, endangered species in the plan as an addendum as was done in the current plan

ACTION: All members of the committee are to read the Open Space and Recreation plan before the next meeting.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday September 17th at 5pm at the Town Offices.
- Look at what's been done on the 7-year plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Janell Howard