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Open Space Subcommittee**

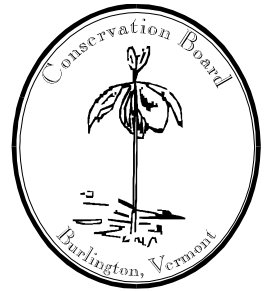
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Open Space Subcommittee Meeting Public Notice

January 6, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Department of Public Works, Main Meeting Room

645 Pine Street

Agenda

I. Public Comment

II. Project Updates

- Discussion of open space planning goals and objectives

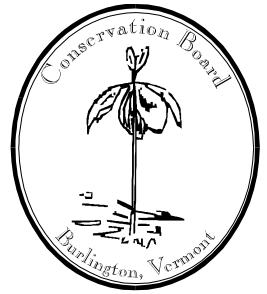
III. Other Business

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Open Space Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2020 at 4:30 PM

Main Conference Room – 645 Pine Street

Attendance

- **Subcommittee Members:** Zoe Richards (ZR), Ryan Crehan (RC), Rebecca Roman (RR), Matt Moore (MM)
- **Absent:**
- **Public:**
- **Staff:** Dan Cahill, Alicia Daniel (Parks & Recreation), Scott Gustin (Permitting & Inspections), Meagan Tuttle (City Planning)

Public Comment

None.

Project Updates

Discussion as to the Open Space Protection Plan.

ZR, as to climate change, we need to keep functional ecosystems – overarching principal that's not presently addressed in the Open Space Protection Plan. Nature-based climate solutions. We need a roadmap for doing so.

MT, an addendum could focus on this item and flesh it out further. She mentioned the climate action plan as well.

ZR, articulate what resilience actually means.

MM, we should establish measurable goals.

AD, what's the status of the urban forestry master plan? We need to be cognizant of this as open space moves ahead. Look at all of the trees being planted from a native perspective.

ZR, resiliency as to biodiversity. What does that look like? Potential for collaboration across city departments with property management responsibilities (schools, parks). AD, such as creating habitat pockets for migratory birds to use for rest stops.

ZR, we should articulate measurable goals that can be evaluated before the next comprehensive rewrite of the open space protection plan.

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DC mentioned the development of an invasive species management plan for the Intervale.

RC, let's try to agree on a few things. Seems like we're thinking an addendum/chapter rather than a comprehensive rewrite. We should note what's been accomplished since the 2014 update with an eye towards prepping for an eventual total plan update (baseline conditions).

MT, the public process should involve the NPA's, CC, and PC. Also, are there other partners that would be stakeholders to engage with for certain topics? Think about engagement activities such as Park's is doing. Following establishment of outline, goals, and metrics.

MM, we should consider recreation and trail connections.

MT suggested organizing the more detailed items under several broader themes such as was done in the MDP.

AD, healthy natural communities and healthy human communities.

DC, as to climate change, let's move from 2% investment to 33% investment. He's willing to meet outside these regular meetings to further hash out.

MT noted a pre-plan for updating the MDP. It was helpful for staying on target. It could be a simple 2-page outline to anchor the work as it moves ahead.

MM proposes folks get together to further develop an outline. Aim for a draft ready for discussion in time for the March meeting.

Adjournment

5:30 PM.