

## ***Open Space Committee Meeting minutes 3/18/2025***

**Attendance:** Denise Louis, Eric Helfer, Patricia Greely, Brendan Potash, Cristina Lucci-McShane

**Zoom:** Alison Bowden

**Absent:** Carleen Sabusap, William Conrad

**7:05 pm** - Denise Louis Calls the meeting to order

**Meeting minute approval:** No meeting minutes to approve due to Carleen's absence, (family emergency, to be approved next meeting).

### **Conway School Progress and Updates:**

- 2nd community engagement was successful, although only two residents showed up. Laura and Hannah from the Conway School gathered new information from residents and committee members at the event.
  
- Students will have a draft OSRP prepared and sent out to the committee for feedback and comments on 3/20/25, due back to students by 9 am on 3/24/25
  
- Discussed access and conditions to various town-owned properties in town, including access to these properties through various dead-end streets and neighborhoods:
  - Paul David Podolski's conservation
  - Donna wells
  - Juniper Road Conservation
  - Christie's Way access to Donna Wells
  - Hatch playground
  - Howard Road
  - Hillsdale Ave

### **General Open Space Plan Progress:**

- Discussed collaboration with DPW and possible town events such as town clean up day to target the following properties to clean up for pocket parks:
  - Pine street

- Sycamore Street
  - Old JFK
  - Newton/Jewel
  - Sunflower rd
  - Sylvan Lake
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- Discuss the Budget for FY25 and FY26
  - FY 25 budget to be used to purchase 5-6 benches or as many as finances allow.
  - FY 26 to request a budget of 8,000 to purchase benches for pocket park development targeting other areas highlighted during our open space and recreation plan process.
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- ❖ Motion to appoint Denise to facilitate the purchase of up to 6 benches with the open space budget through the town administration. Made by Patricia Greely 2nd by Brendan Potash 7-0-0 in favor. Motion passed
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- Ada compliance section for OSRP- Eric Helfer will coordinate with Eric Eriskine with the goal of completing it by April 2nd.

**Discussion and New Business:** None

**Adjournment:**

- ❖ Motion to Adjourn. Made by Eric Helfer 2nd by Brendan Potash 7-0-0 in favor. Motion passed