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Amesbury Open Space, Natural Resources, and Trails Committee MEETING MINUTES August 27, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted under the "Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law" G.L. c. 30A, Section 20, signed on March 12, 2020.

Attending: Jonathan Sherwood, Michelle Faucher, Fred Zackon, Pascal Rettig, Jessica Redfern, Amanda Armington (City of Amesbury)

- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Minutes from June 25, 2025, and July 23, 2025, meetings
 - June 25, 2025: Rettig moved and Zackon seconded approval. Unanimously approved.
 - July 23, 2025: Pascal Rettig moved and Zackon seconded approval. Approved 4-2, Zackon and Redfern abstained (absent from meeting)
- Public Comment: None
- Chair's Report: Sherwood reported out from OSNRTC presentation to August meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) regarding open space and recreation priorities relative to Community Preservation Act funds and plan. Powerpoint presentation was shared with CPC and with OSNRTC members
- Referrals:
 - 2025-82 An Order to Dispose of 24 S. Hampton Road formerly AES: Discussion focused on the open space and recreational value of the non-residential portions in the proposed division of the single parcel at 24 S. Hampton Road. In the conceptual plan and in current practice, the undeveloped space provides open and recreational space for fields, playgrounds, and trail connections. Priorities were placed on ensuring trail connection by-right from Rowell Street and clarifying purpose of non-residential purpose as Chapter 97 purposes (open space and recreational not 'general municipal'). The following recommendations were unanimously approved, Redfern motion, Faucher second:
 - i. *Remove 'other general municipal use(s) as needed' and add 'passive and active recreational uses' to list of intended disposition uses, for purpose of explicitly dedicating the created open space parcel for Article 97 purposes only. General municipal purpose property will not be eligible for recreational funding, including CPA, and could be used for non-recreational purposes in the future, including future disposition.*

- ii. The map is prospective and the Rowell St access to open space shown in the map is not mentioned in the disposition description. Ensure by-right access to open space from Rowell Street by explicitly stating in the description of the open space parcel that it will include trail access to Rowell Street, in sentence beginning "10 acres +/-..."*
 - iii. Suggest that PUD-SP approval process include integration of existing /modified Po Hill nature trail into residential design.*
- 2025-83 An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Map – 24 S Hampton Road. Redfern moved approval, Faucher seconded, unanimously approved.
- Motion to adjourn. 8:15 p.m. Redfern moved, Zackon seconded, unanimous.

Minutes unanimously approved at 10/22/2025 meeting, respectfully submitted by Jonathan Sherwood, Chair, OSNRTC