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Amesbury Open Space, Natural Resources, and Trails Committee MEETING Minutes

September 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order: In attendance – Jonathan Sherwood, Pascal Rettig, Fred Zackon, Rich Hucksam, Michelle Faucher, Allison Mackay (Conservation Agent)
2. Minutes from August 28, 2024 Meeting. Fred Zackon made motion to approve, Michelle Faucher seconded. Unanimous.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Communications - None
5. Chair's Report –
 - Sherwood provided update re: discussion with Con Comm on 9/3/24 of the Town Forest / Woodsom Farm Report. Con Comm indicated interest in having support from OSNRTC with developing rules and regulations for Town Forest. Allison Mackay indicated that MACC has good templates for this and she will work on drafting regulations. The [Mass Audubon land management principles and policies document](#) from 2023 contains some recommended rules, as well. OSNRTC can provide comment to draft rules, if helpful. Committee noted that one Town Forest trail goes through private land, with unknown permission/easement. Should address and perhaps add signage, including regarding potential hunting activity (in season).
6. Referrals –
 - Community Preservation Act – Appoint member to CPA Committee, per [local legislation](#). Michelle Faucher was appointed to represent OSNRTC on the CPA Committee. Hucksam nominated, Rettig seconded. Unanimous.
7. Ongoing Business –
 - Trail Assessment Report – Report sent to Committee on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 for review. Sherwood gave quick overview of contents of report. Committee will review and discuss at the October 2024 meeting. Committee asked to review and consider what priority next steps will be, including potential projects for CPA funding. Matt Smith (consultant) will be at the October meeting to discuss with OSNRTC.

- Rules/Regs for Town Forest (Conservation Commission): Allison Mackay will be drafting rules/regs for Town Forest.
 - Battis – Po Hill Report (in progress)
8. Other Business: October 2024 meeting will be held on October 30, 2024 (5th Wednesday), as Sherwood has work travel conflict on the 23rd.
 9. Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.. Retting moved, Faucher seconded. Unanimous.
 10. Minutes unanimously approved at 10/30/2024 meeting, respectfully submitted by Jonathan Sherwood, Chair, OSNRTC