



Town of Casco
Open Space Commission Meeting Notes
Monday January 22, 2024
6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Casco Community Center

Regular Meeting

- Review and approval of the meeting agenda
- Public Participation for non-Agenda items
- Secretary's Update

Business

- Address open Chair – Jeff Raymond departure.
- Rally call for open seats.
 - a. Robin Leavitt
 - b. Courtney Walsh
- Re-cap of work with Sebago Technics
- Winter activity (sponsored by the Open Space Commission & Rec Department)
 - a. "Snow Moon" snowshoe to Owl Pond on Saturday, Feb 24th@ 5:00 PM (full moon rises at 5:36)
- Budget Request next Fiscal
 - a. Pavilion in Webbs Mills Park
 - b. Land Preservation
 - c. Other
- Owl Pond Area Preservation Initiative
- Report out to the Select Board
- Adjournment

• Meeting NOTES BELOW

- a. Attending – Sam Brown, Eric Dibner, Jim Arsham, Amy Brown
- Motion to amend agenda: discuss officers and Jeff's departure – approved 3-0-0
- Motion to approve agenda – Approved 3-0-0
- Public Participation: question about Comprehensive Plan.
 - a. Do we want a formal statement?
 - b. Motion: Our statement is that we enthusiastically support the Comprehensive Plan and we have many hopes and ideas for the implementation thereof.
Approved 3-0-0.

- Secretary's Update:
 - a. Snow Moon Walk
 - i. Recommend to drive over to trail head on the day of the event.
 - ii. Need to follow up with what support Rec department can bring.
 - iii. Distribution of the Flyers:
 - 1. Is it on Facebook with the town?
 - 2. Posted in Community Center
 - b. Pray for good weather
 - c. Good method of creating enthusiasm for the work of the Commission.
 - d. Develop another event for Spring/Summer

- Open Chair – motion to approve Sam Brown at Chair,
 - a. Approved Sam Brown 3-0-0
 - b. Secretary Role – until a new player is named, Sam will continue to make notes.
 - c. Work to find another player to join the Commission:
 - i. Geoff Hancock
 - ii. Jed Porta from Migis Lodge
 - iii. Former members of the Rec Committee
 - iv. Allison Dupris.
 - v. Gary & Carol from the Snowmobile Club?

- Budget Requests:
 - a. – Webbs Mills Pavilion and Picnic Tables
 - i. Jim to research options.
 - 1. Does Hancock Lumber have kit we can source?
 - 2. Contact Beth Latsey for suggestions
 - b. Contracting more work from Sebago Technics to support our Planning Work.
 - i. Ask for a quote from Sebago Technics for the scope of the work.
 - ii. Maintenance of facilities that we have – signage, educational kiosk with watershed explanation.
 - iii. Ask Manager what is required to submit formal request.
 - c. Land acquisition/preservation
 - i. The town of Casco should devote funds to support this initiative.
 - ii. There are not currently parcels that we are recommending for acquisition.

- Carrying Tasks Forward:
 - a. Eric to follow up with Drew's and Geoff Hancock about membership ideas.
 - b.

- Adjournment: 7:30

