
PARKS, TRAILS, OPEN SPACE MEETING #2

MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH

5:30 – 7:30 PM

RIDGWAY TOWN HALL

Committee Members Present:

Stephanie Wallin, Sara Ballantyne, Rick Weaver, Doug Canright, Bryan Sampson, Jen Coates

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

I. Quick Review of June Meeting

Jen provided a quick review of the June 14th committee meeting. Doug Canright commented that the discussion of an ice rink should be added to the meeting notes. Jen indicated that there will be additional opportunity for discussing the specific improvements recommended, and those improvements will be incorporated into the final plan element.

II. Review Revised Map

Parks and amenities should be added to the map. Trails and sidewalks should be designated as such on the map. Private trails and public trails should be noted as well. The committee agreed that some trails along private properties would be discussed in the plan, and that trail linkages surrounding the town should also be incorporated into the plan. Trails in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park need updated.

III. Review and Develop Goals and Objectives

Goal 1 - remove long term management, financing and resource allocation; Local and regional trails should be included in the plan, identifying linkages outside of the town as well as within the town; Discern between existing and future improvements in the objectives.

Goal 2 – call out recreation facilities and amenities only; understand what we have and what we want; Rick expressed a need for a restroom facility in the Dennis Weaver Memorial Park

Goal 3 – Establish and define required standards (not acceptable); incorporate ‘parks, trails, and open space’ consistently throughout the document (ie: not just trails, not just parks, not just open space); incorporate maintenance planning and funding within the standards required for development; combine with Goal 4 (acquisition of parks, trails, and os)

Goal 4 – incorporate into Goal 3

Goal 5 – develop a plan to address Urban Forest Management, including long term care and maintenance; plant trees to replace aging ones; insure inclusion of

management plans with new parks; include tree trimming and maintenance, and noxious weed management; be proactive with maintenance.

Goal 6 – incorporate economic development information; installation of signage for wayfinding; education of community and visitors; increased awareness of amenities.

The committee requested adding some concepts from the “Better Living Through Trails” presentation should be included in the economic development section of the plan.

- IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
Next Meeting – August 9th: Develop Action Plan for Goals 1 and 2