

Open Space Committee Notes – July 23rd, 2018

Present: Sally, Kenley, Roz, Paul, Eric, Markelle

--Eversource land will be surveyed soon; walk on Wednesday 7/25 to determine boundaries of portion of land to go to Town vs. Fortgangs; OSC/Mill River Greenway Committee will apply for PARC grant some time in the future to turn the land into a park.

--Homework assignment updates (individual members to take a section for updating):

--Paul brought it up at Water and Sewer Commission; will make sure the Commission (Don Hultman) updates will coincide with our OSC updates; will take on tying together Trails, Recreation, Water and Sewer with OSC

--Eric is reorganizing Greenway files and creating timeline of milestones so fits in with OSC plan update; Greenway effort came out of OSC plan update in 2011 – very exciting!

--Sally is updating Section 5 with new conservation land since 2011 and will add public trails on private lands; map updates can be done by Eric or students or together;

--Kenley couldn't find Smart Growth America plan but found study on reuse of town buildings with surveys on walkability; OSC could do a more sophisticated study; how to link existing trails

--Roz found that the VT group moved to OR; no help there

--Timeline for plan update: Sally received official letter that plan is expired; next step is agreeing to apply to state for a grant (rolling approvals); recommendation from state is to apply early, e.g. November

--Sally found out that a team of students from **Conway School** (Ann Capra is faculty) could work on updating plan during their winter semester (Jan through March); Conway school can update plan and find \$ for this OR OSC can pursue grant from state to complete plan update and also must do land acquisition project; funding from PVPC to complete plan as other option?; Greenway could provide design challenge; we could get state funding in November and then apply for grant in summer.

--First recommendation: go to Conway School and ask for them to find funding and say that OSC will keep looking for funding; second choice: go to PVPC.

--Homework for next time: dig deeper into section assigned and explore how much work will be required for updates; brainstorm questions we would ask residents on a survey?; Sally will email Marie and cc Kenley regarding Smart growth etc.

TIMELINE: Plan will be done by March if Conway School works with us, with most of work happening over the winter. State grant submissions are usually allowed in November and then \$ awarded fairly quickly after application (rolling basis).

Next meeting is September 19th at 7pm