

**Master Plan 2023
Open Space and Recreation, and Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources
Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes**

September 26, 2023, 7:00 PM

**Room 205
355 East Central Street**

This meeting was available to be attended in person by all citizens. The meeting was also live-streamed by Franklin TV and shown on Comcast Channel 11 and Verizon Channel 29. Recordings have been made available on Franklin TV's "Franklin Town Hall TV" YouTube channel. Additionally, citizens were able to participate remotely via phone and Zoom.

1. Introductions -

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Meghann Hagen, Member Glenn Jones, Member Rick Power, Member Melanie Hamblen

Committee Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance via Zoom: Breeka Li Goodlander

Meeting called to order by Chair at 7:00 pm

2. Update on OSRP -

a. Next steps

Chair Hagen stated that the OSRP was approved to move forward by the Town Council. Breeka Li Goodlander added that before the plan is fully submitted, review letters are needed from MAPC and DCR. Review letters were requested in July 2023. Member Jones asked if there was anyone who could be contacted to speed up the process. Breeka will get contact information.

3. Review of 2013 Natural, Cultural, and Historic Resources Goals & Objectives

The Chair reached out to Ryan Jette about the sustainability guidelines for park design per OSR 4.1 & 4.2 and reviewed with the members insight Ryan Jette provided on what initiatives they have done. Among them were controlling stormwater runoff and drainage on fields, tree removal and replacement,

Replacement of lighting on High School and Beaver St fields to cost savings LED fixtures.

The members discussed guidelines on tree removal and replacement. Breeka Li Goodlander is looking to review existing regulations and bylaws and is looking to create a tree bylaw for Franklin. The committee will review the OSRP once they receive the state approval. Member Jones stated that invasive species need to be mitigated in the design and maintenance stage. Breeka Li Goodlander discussed invasive species control and removal, specifically Japanese knotweed and the damage it does to the soil. Water flow devices are being installed in beaver dam areas to sustain water flow, and protect the beaver population. Breeka Li Goodlander added the importance of Indigenous population outreach. The Chair presented an Outreach Summary to-Date slide program from Consultants BETA and Consultant Barrett listing focus areas. Additional goals to preserve and protect and enhance Franklin's natural resources and to provide quality arts and cultural resources were reviewed and discussed by members. Additional goals to preserve and protect community resources which represent Franklin's natural and cultural New England town character.

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Master Plan Subcommittee next meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023

Additional Comments: None

Adjourn Meeting -

**Chair Hagen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Jones ,
Vote 4-0, Meeting adjourned.**