

Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Committee Charter approved by the Board of Selectmen on June 28, 2022:

The Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee shall, with assistance from Town staff and consultant(s), prepare and obtain approval of an Open Space and Recreation Plan (“OSRP”) for the Town of Medfield, pursuant to the requirements of the Division of Conservation Services (DCS) within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Town’s current OSRP has been conditionally approved by DCS, but expires in November 2022. The Committee shall submit the OSRP to the DCS no later than June 30, 2023.

The committee shall ensure the plan includes the following components:

- Public outreach: Build upon the strong public outreach of the Town’s current OSRP, through engagement with the Medfield community through public forums, surveys, and other outreach methods
- Management: Help the Town update its inventory and establish a management plan for its open space, trails, and recreational resources including monitoring, maintenance and enforcement
 - Assist the Town in determining and clarifying the various roles and responsibilities of various Town boards, committees, departments and private entities such as homeowners associations to manage the Town’s open space resources
 - Present the plan to the Town boards that have care, custody, and control of open space and recreational land for discussion and feedback
 - Identify potential costs of properly maintaining the Town’s resources
- Connections: Identify opportunities for public connections to other open space, recreational, and environmental resources such as privately owned resources in Medfield, and in nearby communities
- Provide guidance on the process and criteria for the Town to use in considering future land acquisitions, conservation restrictions and/or easements for open space, trails and recreational activities
- Serve as the basis for seeking public and private grants and financial resources to support park, playground, and trails improvement projects and the acquisition of additional open space and recreational resources

Membership:

1. Planning Board member, or designee
2. Conservation Commission member, or designee
3. Parks and Recreation Commission member, or designee
4. Member at large
5. Member at large
6. Member at large
7. Member at large