

## Open Space and Recreation Plan Task Force

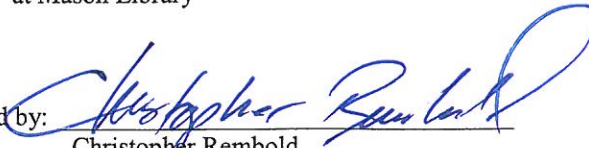
### Minutes of August 21, 2019

Start: 6:05 PM

End: 7:40 PM

**Present:** Jennifer Connell (Citizen rep), Andrew Didio (Cons Comm rep), Elizabeth Hirsch (Parks rep), Pedro Pachano (PB rep), Jovanina Pagano (Citizen rep), Kate Van Olst (Citizen rep), and Town Planner Chris Rembold  
**Absent:** Kate Burke (Selectboard rep),

ITEM / ISSUE	DISCUSSION, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION / FOLLOW-UP, OR DEADLINE
Call to Order	Pedro called the meeting to order at 6:05 at Town Hall.	
Minutes	Kate VO moved approval of the minutes from July 29, 2019, Jennifer seconded, all were in favor.	
Citizen Speak	Pedro moved this item up on the agenda. Jenny Clark, citizen, and Ken Jeremiah, Director of Campus Safety at Simon's Rock, spoke to the task force about making a walking connection on Alford Road from downtown to the campus. They would like the OSRP to include consider a safe, lighted path along Alford Road to Haley Road and Castle Street so students can connect to McAlister and downtown. Rembold said this is also a great way to get residents to important open spaces and recreation resources of McAlister and the campus.	
Review action plan from 2013 OSRP	<p>Jennifer said it's apparent that there is still a lot to do from the 2013 plan, and it also seems that a lot of items were on the Town Planner's plate. We need to think about how to implement the plan and not overload one person.</p> <p>She wondered if there could be neighborhood groups like the Lake Mansfield folks to implement projects at local parks and trails.</p> <p>Kate VO said when we do community outreach we need to see if these items are still priorities.</p>	
Discuss survey questions and outreach approach	<p>There was a long conversation about how best to reach out to the community, including what survey questions and outreach methods might work best. The task force members had reviewed sample questions from previous Town efforts and also questions from other Towns' plans.</p> <p>There was consensus that a community meeting should be held before a survey. The survey could be used to get more input after the meeting including from people who don't come to meetings.</p> <p>The task force discussed the community meeting could begin with an overview of the purpose of an OSRP and then have stations around the room with different topics, or to discuss different areas of town. Liz said there is a method of this kind of participation called "open space technology: which she will discuss with Chris.</p>	Liz and Chris discussed 8/26
	Topic areas that seem important at this time include preservation of scenic areas (in light of recent proposals to develop scenic areas with solar panels), farms and agriculture, parks and playgrounds, handicapped accessibility, and comfort and usefulness including parking.	

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	<p>The task force briefly discussed ways to send flyers and do publicity. Chris will find out the cost of a mailer. He said we can also advertise in the papers, shoppers guide, and facebook.</p> <p>Jovanina would like to discuss survey ideas for reaching underrepresented populations. Andrew and Jennifer said they would assist.</p>	<p>Chris – cost of a mailer?</p>
Next meeting	<p>Topics will include scheduling community meeting #1, outreach, types of grants an OSRP can help us get, follow up surveys</p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b> Thursday, September 19 at 6:00 PM at Mason Library</p>	<p>Meet 9/19 at 6 at the library</p>
Minutes submitted by:	 Christopher Rembold	