

AGENDA

New Salem Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Project

Monday, March 25, 2024

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Meeting held virtually via Zoom

Join via weblink:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330360173?pwd=Wk1rb1ZLQWd0RTBsOS9TM2dIMVZJdz09>

Join via phone: +1 646 931 3860, Meeting ID: 813 3036 0173, Passcode: 576976

1. Welcome
2. Timeline for completion
 - a. Process for submitting comments to FRCOG
 1. Via email or during online meetings
 2. Will type up notes following meeting – please review to make sure I captured everything
 3. 2 weeks following meeting you will receive a draft from me of the next section and other work
 4. Please review draft and write comments for next meeting
 5. If can't make meeting please send comments via email
 - b. Meeting frequency
 - i. See calendar on last page
 - ii. May choose to meet more towards the Action Plan section
3. Survey Summary Results
 - a. After reviewing the survey summary and these sections (6, 7, and 8)
 - Comments about survey
 - a. A lot of interest in protecting land
 - A lot of people saying to improve the playgrounds and equipment that already exists in town
 - Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funding mentioned and strategies
 - Question 1: sort question by high priority
 - Discrepancies in finding hard to understand as a resident and planning
 - Age of respondents are reflective of responses
 - **Work with other groups, town does not need to take on more responsibilities** e.g. Mass Audubon
 - Integrate climate resilience into plan
 - **Build Community Identity**

- a. Increase events in town
- b. Connecting the northern and southern ends of town while avoiding 202
- c. Clarify state owned vs. town-owned land and New Salem's capabilities with this plan
- d. Leadership needed
- e. ** Town Common**
 - i. Funding issue (in and around the center of town) in New Salem
 - ii. Scope of work to fix

i. Are the 2004 goals, objectives, and needs are still relevant based on the recent survey results?

- How can the NEW survey results guide these sections when we are writing them this upcoming year?
 - a. 2004 goals till are relevant with some modification of wording
 - i. "Developing partnerships to help in progressing meeting our OSRP objectives"
 - ii. Specify protecting water resources (water at the elementary school)
 - iii. Goal 3: add objective "increase access to existing areas (e.g. Quabbin and biking)
 - iv. Goal 4: Integrate climate resilience

4. Draft section 3

- Need clarification on villages within the town. Website is misleading.
 - The GIS maps for town on the town website, Assessors page, villages are Morse Village, North New Salem, Cooleyville and North Prescott.
 - MapQuest adds Millington to the list.
 - Neither has Hagerville, either is a way to mirror and cite the source.
 - Cannot figure out where Quimby was.
- Replace "man-made reservoir" with human-made.
- The overlook on Route 202 does not have a view of the actual reservoir.
- History of the Community
 - i. Heidi will reach out to Sarah Kohler to inquire about indigenous history in New Salem area
- Population Projections Section
 - i. Doesn't account for climate migration
 - ii. Did broadband come to New Salem after or before this survey?

5. Required maps

- a. Zoning Map
 - i. Can't change
- b. Context Map

- c. Plant and Wildlife
- d. Open Space
- e. Water Resources
 - i. Label watersheds
 - ii. Eliminate pink color
 - iii. More similar to Rowe map:
<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e753ea229e904a40a5e6588dc5f9e08c>
 - iv. Coldwater fisheries?
- f. Scenic Resources
 - i. Discuss what can go into this
 - Get rid of Route 202 commercial – replace with General Store
 - Add the other overlook North of the Village Center
 - Quabbin sites?
 - a. Committee should come up with a list before the next meeting
 - Historical society on Elm Street
 - On map attached to email
 - a. North New Salem Cemetery
 - b. Stiles Cemetery
 - c. Wilbur Cemetery
 - d. Keystone Bridge
 - e. Branch Bridge Cemetery
 - f. Route 202 Commercial
 - g. Center Cemetery
 - h. The Lookout
 - i. Town Center
 - i. Town Hall
 - ii. Town Common
 - iii. Old Academy Building
 - iv. 1794 Meeting House
 - v. Town Pound
 - vi. Playing Fields
 - j. Hillman Farm
 - k. Rabbit Run Railroad
 - l. Mountain View Cemetery
 - ii. Provide examples from other towns for committee

- Check out Rowe :

[https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e753ea229e904a40a5e6588dc5f9e0](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e753ea229e904a40a5e6588dc5f9e08c)

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6. Future meetings

- a. 4th Monday of the month – will be posted on town website

7. Close Meeting

Attendees:

Claire, Josh, Heidi, Audrey, Kimberly

Timeline

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