

**Burlington Conservation Board
Open Space Subcommittee**

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Open Space Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023 at 4:30 PM

In-Person and Remote Meeting

Present: Zoe Richards, Rebecca Roman, Lina Swislocki, Kyle Tansley, Dan Cahill, Scott Gustin, Jon Adams-Kollitz, Sophie Sauve, Patrick Dunseith, Winn Vo, and Sharon Bushor

I. Public Comment

None.

II. Project Updates

- Intervale Deer Management

NR 206 Follow up with Patrick Dunseith

Patrick Dunseith appeared for this item. He worked with NR 206 last semester and will work again with the class this coming spring semester. Dan Cahill suggested considering plugging this effort into the urban forestry plan. RR noted 2023 will be for establishing the urban forest plan. Ordinance amendment / development can follow in 2024. Hannah, Lina, & Patrick to form a working group for this effort. ZR and Dan Cahill offered assistance as well.

- Urban Forestry Plan

Initial steps and project foundation

Jon Adams-Kollitz and Sophie Sauve appeared for this item. ZR suggested a process similar to that used for the Open Space Addendum. Hire a consultant to collaborate with a working group of city staff and board members. Dan Cahill suggested that the consultant work primarily on supporting the process and formulating comments into the plan. Not so much focus on doing maps or baseline analysis of info we already have. Sophie Sauve said Parks has \$20K available for the plan. She estimates \$60 - \$100K for the entire effort. Scott Gustin, are there known deficiencies in the current plan that we want to address in the new forest plan? Dan Cahill stated that there are – basically that the new plan needs to address the urban forest generally rather than just parks and green belt

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tree management. ZR suggested collaborating with the spatial analysis lab at UVM. Meet as staff next and circulate email (from Jon Adams-Kollitz) to solicit input as to primary goals of the plan and pitfalls to avoid.

- Conservation Legacy Fund
Next steps for funding eligibility and opportunities

Scott Gustin said he'd draft an application for the nature-based climate solutions funding and will circulate it to the group (Lina, Rebecca, Zoe, Dan). Aim to have it reviewed and approved by the Open Space Subcommittee in February. Also, need to get the green light from the city attorney's office (Hailey). Following that, we can approach the city council in March for their action to approve the changes. A city councilor will need to sponsor the resolution.

III. Other Business

- For the February meeting
Legacy fund acquisitions

ZR said that we may want to have an executive session with full Board to discuss property acquisition. Invite Cindi Wight, Nick Warner, Patrick Dunseith to the February meeting.

IV. Adjournment

6:00 PM.