

## Chelmsford Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Town of Chelmsford

50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024

# DRAFT

### Members Present:

Karl Bischoff (Conservation Commission)

Peter Spawn (Conservation Commission)

David Koonce (Conservation Agent)

Pat Wojtas (Select Board)

Paul McDougall (Planning Board)

Christine Clancy (DPW)

David Sperry

Brian Stripp

Jerry Schmidt

### Members Absent:

Max Jordan (*Max has since decided his scheduling conflict is forcing him to withdraw as a member of the committee*)

### Others Present:

NMCOG: Meghan Tenhoff, Austen Torres Davis

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Meghan from NMCOG presented an overview of NMCOG, group agreements (meeting norms), and meeting goals and agenda.

The group did an introduction exercise.

Meghan provided brief description of an OSRP, including its purpose.

The group provided input on goals for an OSRP:

- Land prioritization
- Connectivity
- Accessibility, awareness, env/justice
- Implementation!

Meghan presented a proposed timeline/schedule.

Meghan led discussion on Community Engagement and Environmental Justice

- Everyone experiences benefits and burdens
- Three areas of EJ in Chelmsford

The committee voted the following committee positions:

Chair: Karl Bischoff  
Vice-Chair: Peter Spawn  
Secretary: Jerry Schmidt

Karl mentioned that we will have a table at the Environmental Fair on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Chelmsford Public Library.

Christine offered to have a large (D or E-size) printout of Chelmsford Open Space for our use.

David Koonce asked Meghan to provide some detail on exactly what NMCOG will provide for this project, and what specific work the committee members can take on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM