

Hamilton Open Space Committee  
Minutes of Meeting of September 7, 2017

Members Present: Gretel Clark, Marcia Dolce, Jackie Hodge, Emer McCourt, Zach Peters

Attending: Richard Boroff, Tim McCarthy of the Hamilton Chronicle, George Tarr

Chair Clark opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Patton Homestead River Walk Project:

Gretel spoke with Dave Rimmer of Greenbelt about clearing the viewing platform at the Patton Homestead River Walk, and was told that this was done several weeks back. Greenbelt is going to get the Notice of Intent/permission to put up sign from the Town at hearing in October at ConComm meeting. Zach will plan to attend. She talked with Dave about curb cuts and other improvements needed for parking. A new hire may be our contact at Greenbelt. After 9/16 bike race, sign may be GB priority. Greenbelt bought a parcel near the Patton Estate. Some concern was expressed by the committee about the Green Meadows farmstand being closed.

There is a new parking lot proposal for Patton Homestead, below the rose garden, made from gravel, 48 spaces. Would include an opening in stone wall, with flared ends at stonewall for entrance and exit. Asbury Street is designated a scenic road by town since 1980. Should OSC express concern about disturbing stone wall? Per Richard Boroff, Planning Board already voted to approve parking lot as presented in drawing. No fencing for lot was discussed.

Town logo update, no progress made. Greenbelt will go ahead with sign, will have Alexander Hamilton's head on sign and make Town of Hamilton more prominent. Looked at Rockport logo. Maybe have a contest to design a logo? Gretel will check to see if town is open to this.

Open Space and Recreation Plan:

Rosie has Open Space and Recreation Plan goals. Anne Gero offered to Town Manager to complete the goal section, with no response. Conservation Comm. will not review OSC comments until goal section is complete. Marked up OSRP is on town website.

Dark Sky bylaw:

Light pollution bylaw was edited per previous comments, along with letter to Con Comm. Presented again for review. Will wait for Rosemary's input since she had some ideas to pump up the trespass light section. Is there any information on who to lodge complaint with? Plan has Building Inspector listed for enforcement, currently vacant position. George Tarr was asked if ConComm would support dark sky bylaw. Zach will add in more enforcement language. Asked Committee for any additional comments on bylaw or letter and get it to him. Discussion whether to call it dark sky or light pollution bylaw.

Scenic Roads Bylaw:

Rosie has worked on a scenic road bylaw which will offer protection for designated scenic roads. Will wait until next meeting to discuss, and ask her to send proposed draft bylaw.

Trail maps:

Discover Hamilton map, published in 2007 by ECTA. We should not consider any mapping since already well done. Advocate for map. Available at [www.ectaonline.org](http://www.ectaonline.org)

Roads over wetlands bylaw:

Wetland Protection Act covers it in part. Should be reinstated because some protection was lost with bylaw being set aside. Should be presented again to CommCon. Emer says this was done previously with letter and presentation to CommCon. Needs to be revisited. Jackie will follow up with Anne Gero.

Meeting minutes from the July 27, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Next meeting proposed for October 5, 2017 at 6:30. Agenda: Review draft bylaws; OSRP; possible town logo contest.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.