

## Meeting Summary - OSRP Advisory Group Meeting #4

**To:** Needham OSRP Advisory Group  
**ATTENDEES:** See attached  
**FROM:** Tracy J. Adamski, AICP  
**DATE:** February 1, 2017

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On February 1, 2017, an OSRP Advisory Group meeting was held at the Charles River Room in the Public Services Administration Building in Needham to discuss the 2017 update to the Needham Open Space & Recreation Plan (OSRP). The purpose of the meeting was to review the results of the survey, confirm the OSRP goals and objectives and to discuss action items.

### 1. Survey Results

Tracy Adamski ran through key results of the survey, including:

- a. Respondents prioritized maintenance of existing active and passive recreation facilities and acquisition of land for active recreation
- b. When asked if they support the conversion of existing open space to some other municipal use, 44% of respondents needed more information while 40% of respondents answered no.
- c. Most people know of the playgrounds and athletic fields, but are not aware of the conservation lands, trail systems, pocket parks, river access.
- d. The top three recreational resources that respondents indicated that Needham did not have enough of are: indoor pools, bicycle lanes, outdoor pools. Respondents wrote in skate/wheel park and ice hockey rink
- e. Regarding access to facilities, most respondents think that access is adequate. Where respondents indicated that improvements were needed, the top needs listed were bike lanes, parking and bike racks.
- f. Respondents would like to see additional money spent on the following recreational resources: pedestrian trails, indoor swimming, outdoor swimming and bike paths.
- g. Respondents would like to see additional money spent on the following open space resources: maps/signage, greenways, and river/stream protection.

### 2. Confirmation of the Goals and Objectives

- The Goals and Objectives were modified based on feedback from AG members after the December meeting. The goals and objectives as revised were reviewed and confirmed by the AG.

### 3. Action Items

- The action items from the 2007 OSRP were reviewed within the context of the revised goals and objectives and the feedback from the public forum and survey. The AG provided input for incorporation into the 2017 action items.

**4. Next Steps**

- Tighe & Bond:
  - Revise the action items to be sent out to the AG for review and revisions
- Advisory Group:
  - Review and provide input on the action items

**5. Schedule**

- Next Committee Meeting – March 1, 2017
- Boards meeting anticipated March 2017

Please direct questions or comments to Patty Carey ([pcarey@needhamma.gov](mailto:pcarey@needhamma.gov)) or Matt Varrell ([mvarrell@needhamma.gov](mailto:mvarrell@needhamma.gov)).

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Town of Needham Open Space Recreation Plan  
February 1, 2017 Advisory Group Meeting

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**Attendees**

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Tracy Adamski  
Mike Bolio  
Robert Bucelwicz  
Paula Callanan  
Patty Carey  
Cal Collins  
Michelle Geddes  
James Goldstein  
Moe Handel  
Kevin Keane  
Michael Kurdziel  
Peter Oehlkers  
Ed Olsen  
Lisa Standley  
Matthew Varrell

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