

OEC Meeting Minutes/Staff Report

November 11, 2020

Present: Monica Carey, Rhonda Claridge, Dick Uhrh. Note: Tyler Schultz, John Humphries were unable to enter the Zoom meeting due to chair error.

Zoom per COVID

Agenda:

- a) Updates as relevant from town staff (10 min)
- b) Review attorney redlines for OEC Ord 2020-3 (5 min)
- c) Review MP draft for purpose of providing recommendation to GA (30 min)
- d) Review Ophir website for appropriate language regarding recreational use Ophir Valley (10 min) (Tabled)
- e) Begin review of USFS New Dominion restoration plan for purpose of providing recommendation to GA (30 min) (Tabled)
- f) Review outline of pending OEC objectives (5 min)(Tabled)

Action Items:

1. John to begin drafting weed mgt standard practices for winter review. **PENDING**
2. All to review MP and submit comments to staff. **Rhonda COMPLETE**
3. All to review New Dominion Cost Analysis. **PENDING**

Meeting notes

Discussed need to redirect offline effort to review MP and New Dominion cost analysis. Other items were tabled. Note that 2 members unable to join as chair did not see they were waiting to enter the Zoom meeting. Members cautioned to let chair know in advance they intended to attend meeting.

Tentative Agenda for 11/9/2020

- Review draft response to New Dominion cost analysis
- Signage plan - where and text, including messaging on Ophir website
- Continued discussion of Waterfall access winter/summer
- Review of Bee Happy 2019/2020 report

Relevant Notes / thoughts from Staff 12/8/2020

1. Status of gate repair/install by USFS along Ophir Pass - significant damage at Carbonaro gate. Ophir intends to do the repair/install of existing and new gates in the spring, budget from Open Space funds.
2. No one has read the New Dominion document. Monica going to draft a letter in response with cemetery and settling pond concerns for review by OEC and staff.
3. LUC work will begin this next year.
4. Master Plan is to be approved by P&Z, then by GA.

5. Ken is putting up parking signs for backcountry skiers. Also installing posts w reflectors to guide plowers.

Immediate Goals with Probable Timeline:

- ~~6. Conduct survey (Nov) DONE~~
- ~~7. Finalize a resolution template, to be used for open space projects, inclusive of development/maintenance/restoration/financing plans (Dec)~~
- ~~8. Bike trail hearing (Feb 10)~~
- ~~9. Review bike trail proposal against recognized surveys, ordinances, LUC, Master Plan (Mar 9)~~
10. Prepare bike trail recommendation for presentation to February GA (Mar 9).
- ~~11. Contribute to P&Z effort of drafting master plan re open space language (Jan-April)~~
- ~~12. Review planting of approx 40 free trees planned for open space (Jan-April)~~
- ~~13. Review town reseeding/management plan for plow-damaged areas (Jan-April)~~
- ~~14. Review funding of USFS Ophir Pass area gates/repair from open space funds (May)~~
- ~~15. Review broadband infrastructure installation for alignment to Open Space LUC (TBD)~~
- ~~16. Review water plant installation for alignment to Open Space LUC (TBD)~~
17. Inventory and recommend categorization/prioritization of town-owned lots and landbank lots (open space)
18. Review existing parks and potential parks for alignment to Park District ordinance 94-10 and to recognized surveys, ordinances, LUC, Master Plan (TBD)
19. Discuss recommendation for town-owned lots in Spring Gulch to become a park.
- ~~20. Horses in Ophir Valley (TBD)~~
- ~~21. Discuss cleanup of Eagle cabin and at Henri's due to town complaints rec'd by Ken.~~
- ~~22. Revisit OEC charter, origination ordinance in light of Three Mile Plan relevance.~~
- ~~23. Reconcile OEC ordinances, charter, mission statement~~
- ~~24. Review open space goals~~
25. Weed program to include homeowner responsibility to reseed disturbed.
26. Weed program to include builder responsibility to not disturb adjacent open space
27. OEC protection of mining structures
- ~~28. Track status of state provided signage for Waterfall water protection~~
29. Discuss overall signage strategy re protection- education, restrictions, etc.
30. Track status of finding active commercial permittees from USFS in Waterfall
31. Review draft ordinance for future GA repeal of Three Mile Plan, Ophir Valley Wildlife and Conservation District, Ophir Valley Zone District, and 94-10 Ophir Valley Park District (10 min)
32. In depth look at all survey questions in 2003, 2016, 2019 surveys related to open space. Important for input to LUC
33. Invite Chris Hazen of SanMiguel Conservation Foundation for preserve discussion