



Town of Tewksbury *MINUTES*

Town Clerk
Tewksbury, MA

3/13/2026, 7:53:05 AM

Committee: Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2026

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA -Main Conf. Room

Members present: Tom Branchaud, Paige Impink, Bruce Shick, Karyn Sliva, Susan Young, Peter Chase, JoAnn Brace, Ray Bowden

Members absent: JW Buckley

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 PM

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Committee Business

The minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting were approved.

The committee also approved the working group minutes of September 5, 10, and 22, 2025 for the purpose of work on the Open Space Plan with NMCOG.

Outreach

John Ryan of Monarch Ranch presented his butterfly program and activities he has been doing in the community, primarily on hospital property. Ryan requested to be added to the Open Space brochure as a place for people to explore. The committee discussed making reference to butterfly habitat on properties where applicable. Ryan will be presenting a program at the library on February 28.

Stewardship

None

Development

Hospital land project status- Bruce said there is no update. Paige will check with Robert Maynard that language for the new crossings made it into the town warrant.

Open Space and Recreation Plan

Tom discussed the organization of the goals/objectives/actions section of the OSRC plan which he will submit to Alex Lowder. He made sure Alex could sort and find the items that needed additional

information from her office easily and then she can send it on to NMCOG. NMCOG will do their analysis and circle back to the committee.

Members were encouraged to review the 36 page draft OSRP plan and send comments to Tom by February 28.

The committee discussed the general observation that there were too many goals in the plan and no way to track or motivate other groups to accomplish their assigned tasks. The committee thinks that advocating and checking in on the plan will this will be an important committee function going forward.

Old Business

Susan said JW was working on the trail cam bylaw proposal for the upcoming warrant. The committee has not seen the language. Tom will reach out.

New Business

JoAnn mentioned that some students at the Tech are looking for community service hours. It was discussed that a possible event at Rogers Park to remove the paint from the rocks could be a way to offer hours to many students.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:21 PM

Next meeting: Date: March 12, 2026

Time: 6:00PM

Place: Town Hall

Respectfully submitted, Paige Impink, Clerk

Minutes approved by Committee on: 3/12/2026

Documents: Documents shared can be viewed in the Office of Community Development.