

Agenda - Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Ad Hoc Committee meeting
April 25, 2023 5:00 pm

Introduction

Why are we creating this OSRP?

- It provides an opportunity to confront and manage aspects of the community's growth and development in a way that preserves, protects, and enhances our environmental and recreational resources. Through thoughtful planning and active stewardship Hubbardston's open spaces, quality outdoor recreation facilities, parks, and critical plant and animal habitats remain a part of our communities' landscapes. (Massachusetts Open Space and Recreation Planner's Workbook)

The process – where are we now?

- This new version of the OSRP is an update to the previous plan from 2018. All chapters from the previous plan that presented inventories of Town features have already been updated with current data and information. In order to complete the plan, we now need to develop an implementation strategy to guide us for the next seven years.
- Since the Town is ineligible for some grant programs until the plan is completed, the target is to complete this plan during Summer 2023, before the application deadlines for FY24 grant programs.

What is the Ad Hoc Committee's goal?

- Provide the basis for creation of the goals and objectives that will be part of the OSRP.

The sky is blue:

- Hubbardston of the future
- Hubbardston today
- Hubbardston essentials

Distillation – what does the group think is important?

Articulation – Let's put it into words

Schedule the next meeting – what's next