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Attendance: Chairman Judy Green, Sean Cash; Charles Ciccone; Joe Pride; Haley McHatton-Ballou; Ken Alepidis; Erin Kokinda; Bill Renault; Karen Burke; Kellie King and Krista Moravec from Horsley Witten Group

Ms. Moravec provided a progress update. Interviews have been undertaken with the Engineering, Recreation and Health Departments. They also held a forum with the Youth Council. They will also meet with the Commission on Disabilities. Several key areas were highlighted.

- Walkability
- Connectivity – to transportation and open space/recreation areas
- Multi-generational opportunities

A public forum will be held 4/27/23 from 7:00 to 8:30. This will be a virtual event via Zoom. The consultant team will present plan ideas to the Conservation Commission and Council on aging at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Ciccone asked if Town sports leagues were contacted.

Ms. Moravec suggested that they be invited to public engagement events.

Mr. Ciccone will speak with Recreation Director Dan McGrath regarding whether to plan a separate meeting with sports league representatives.

Ms. Burke requested that the survey also be available on paper.

Mr. Cash stated that the Environmental Sustainability Committee would like to give input.

Ms. Moravec suggested that they be invited to the Conservation Commission presentation.

The updated open space inventory list will be forwarded to committee members for review and comment. The open space survey has also been developed and will be forwarded for comment. Submission of comments is requested by March 31, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.