

Parks, Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 11, 2021



1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The group gathered at the Town of Ridgway Water Treatment Plant and the meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. Parks, Trails and Open Space (PTOS) Committee members present were Jared Coburn, Angela Ferrelli, Sue Husch, Dave Jones, Judi Chamberlain and Erin Smith. Chris Bolane and Preston Neill were also present.

2. Tour of Town of Ridgway Water Treatment Plant

Chris Bolane, the Town's Operator in Responsible Charge, gave Committee members a tour of the Water Treatment Plant. Various questions were posed, and answered, about the microfiltration system, the distribution system, the chlorine dioxide pretreatment, and the Town's water supply.

3. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2021 Meeting

Erin Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021, PTOS Committee meeting. Sue Husch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by members present.

4. Update on Town's Landscaping Regulations

Preston explained that the proposed updates to the Town's landscape regulations went before the Town Council in two separate meetings and the proposed changes were adopted at both first reading and the second reading. The proposed modifications are intended to encourage water conservation or require low water usage landscaping or xeriscaping. Not only do the updates address water conservation but they promote flexibility and provide consistency and clarity for community members in understanding their property requirements.

5. Update on Arborist work this fall

Preston told the group that staff recently met with Tyler Schultz, the arborist who has done a ton of tree work on behalf of the Town. The Town's tree inventory was reviewed, and a work plan was put in place for the fall for Tyler and his team, which includes various tree removal and pruning, both in park areas and in the right-of-way.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the PTOS Committee, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:36 p.m.