OSRP Update 12th Meeting - Public Forum
May 28, 2019 6pm - 7pm
Attendance: Susan Mareneck (Historical Commission), Laurie Brown (Conservation Commission, Trails Committee), Gail Berrigan (Conservation Commission), Tom Hankinson (Select Board), Terry Allen (Council on Aging), Megan Rhodes (FRCOG), Miho Connolly (Conservation Commission Agent)

<u>Report on findings of the Open Space and Recreation Plan</u>
- 86 responses to OSRP survey = 4% of population -- good turnout for small Franklin County town!
- Planning for climate change underlies all of the Open Space and Recreation Plan
- **Review Action Plan Items**
    - Susan suggested that the Conservation Commission should be added to shade tree removal restrictions
    - Gail suggested a rewording: "Conduct a town-wide drinking water study… vulnerabilities (*including septic systems)*"
        - The FRCOG can help coordinate a program for a town-wide drinking study, but he Town would need to hire a hydrogeologist to complete this task
    - p9-5: Leverett Pond Committee => Friends of Leverett Pond
    - Tom commented that the Town needs better accessibility to Leverett Pond; predominantly by improving parking at south end
        - PARC grant, or ADA implementation grant could be used to acquire and/or install accessible parking
        - Change wording: "Improve accessibility to recreational resources" - *not "trails"*
        - Change wording: *"*Continue to explore possibility of creating a trail around Leverett Pond *and to increase accessibility* to the Pond"
    - Tom expressed interest in the Complete Streets program to improve safety on Leverett roads.
- The FRCOG can help the Town determine funding sources for each objective.
- The OSRP Committee, and/or each committee, should put together timelines for completing each action item

<u>Administrative Issues:</u>
- Two week public comment period from today (until June 14)
- Letters of support are needed before June 14
    - Planning Board & Select Board; Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, Rattlesnake Gutter Trust, etc
- Megan to send slideshow for public forum
- Miho to post to website: final drafts, slideshow