



Stratham Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2025

Stratham Municipal Center

10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH

Time: 10:00 am

This meeting of the Stratham Open Space Committee was held in the Hutton Room of the Stratham Municipal Center, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH.

Call to Order

Seth Hickey called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and took roll call and introductions from the committee members and town staff.

Roll Call/Introductions

Members' Present: Allison Knab, Jeff Hyland, Kate Dardinski, John Kunowski, Kate Davis, and Tim Roache

Members' Absent: Kyle Saltonstall and Bill McCarthy

Staff Present: Seth Hickey, Parks and Recreation Director, and Vanessa Price, Director of Planning and Building

Review of the Open Space Connectivity Plan Action Item

Stratham Open Space Committee members and town staff reconvened to review the revised content of the Open Space and Connectivity Plan (OSCP) Framework of the Goals, Strategies, and Actionable Items. The committee members and staff went over each drafted goal. The Key Goals Workshopped:

1. **Create a well-connected open space network**
 - Focus: Greenways, multi-modal transportation, safety, and accessibility.
2. **Protect critical natural resources and plan for climate resilience**
 - Focus: Ecosystem health, flood mitigation, and long-term environmental planning.
3. **Improve management and recreational use of existing open spaces**
 - Focus: Maintenance, programming, and amenity upgrades.
4. **Support farming and preserving agricultural heritage**
 - Focus: Encourage local food production and sustain Stratham's rural character.

The committee discussed and analyzed each goal, providing comments on revising the goals and framework with the town staff for concise and realistic, and actionable items. Ms. Price is responsible for making those changes and reconvening with the committee in September.

Status of Plan

The framework of the Goals, Strategies, and Actionable Items will need to be finalized by the committee, and an executive summary of the Open Space Plan will need to be finalized before proceeding with the final town adoption of the Open Space Plan.

Action Items Related to Plan

Stratham Open Space Committee members and town staff to reconvene to review the revised content of the Open Space and Connectivity Plan (OSCP) Framework of the Goals, Strategies, and Actionable Items.

An executive summary of the OSCP will be finalized after the Framework is set.

FBE has committed to a full committee session to finalize input and direction.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.