



Stratham Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Stratham Municipal Center
10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH
Time: 9:00 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.

Vanessa Price called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Members' Present: Allison Knab, Jeff Hyland, and John Kunowski

Members' Absent: Kyle Saltonstall, Bill McCarthy, Kate Dardinski, Kate Davis, and Tim Roache

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

Review of the Framework Goals and Actionable Items

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 the revision and discussed having NHDOT incorporated into Strategy 2.2. and to have a Strategy under goal three to address a blue water trail.

Further discussion by the committee was incorporated to further gather input from other Town Boards and Committees regarding the actionable items within the framework that each Board or Committee would like to take ownership of. It was proposed that a subcommittee be appointed by the Planning Board to oversee this effort, as the Planning Board is typically responsible for the formal adoption of an open space plan, which is a component of the municipality's Master Plan. The Town's 2019 Master Plan outlines the community's vision for connectivity. Once completed by FBE, the Open Space and Connectivity Plan should be adopted by the Planning Board. The Board should consider establishing a subcommittee to manage the actionable items, as this represents long-range planning for the Town.

Vanessa Price will make the revisions and distribute them to Town Boards and Committees to accomplish the actionable items that were outlined in the goals of the framework plan.

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.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Vanessa Price.