

Town Of Medway Open Space Committee

155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

Meeting Minutes on September 6, 2016

**Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Street
Medway, MA 02053**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X		X	X	X	X
Absent with notice			X				
Absent without notice							

Proposed Trail to Summer Street:

Member Ross presented to the members a map entitled “Proposed Trail to Summer Street”. The dark yellow dotted lines on the trail designates the existing high school trail. The blue dotted line shows the Summer Street trail. There were sections within the blue line areas which were impassible. This area is overgrown. There are two stream crossings. The one closest to the high school is 10-15 ft. and the one near Summer Street is 15-20 ft. There is an existing utility road. The Committee needs to get verification if it is ok to use the utility road and if any approvals are necessary.

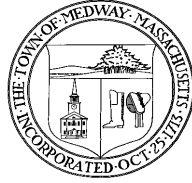
Member Williams arrived at 7:15 pm.

Action Items:

- Procedure to get clearance for trail in the utility easement – the Chairman will contact Town Hall.
- Check with Jim Wieler about abutter with the new house on the corner with the white fence.

Adams Meadow:

The Open Space Committee discussed the Adams Street Meadow. There is a concern about the land management plan for this area. The Story Walk kiosks were placed where, last month, OSC said they did not want them. One of the kiosks blocks a trail. Another concern is the mowing and how far back it was from trail. There was a suggestion to have the DPS seek written



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authorization prior to doing work in the meadow. Work orders should be written so that all parties understand the task at hand, along with the specific locations of the work tasks. The maintenance needs to be done on a seasonal basis.

The Conservation Agent indicated that a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) would be needed for the boardwalk area. She will set up a meeting along with getting a quote for the work in the meadow. There should be discussion with Conservation about what will be required for the boardwalk. This will assist with what funding should be requested at the November town meeting.

Action Items:

- Chairman Wright will draft letter to abutters about the management plan for Adams Street and invite them to October meeting with any concerns.

Peace Garden:

The effort for a peace garden continues. The various Boards and Committees in this venture are Open Space Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen. The locations of these areas will be determined. The Parks and Recreation Committee is in the process of getting a list of deceased students. A letter will be drafted to the parents about an informational meeting about the development of this peace garden.

Member Hamblin arrived at 7:43 pm.

Amphitheatre:

The Open Space Committee discussed the status of the stair project at the amphitheater. The funding for the design was approved. There is currently a standstill. Open Space Committee wants to make sure that the momentum on completing this does not stop. This will be an agenda item for the October meeting. There also needs to be follow-up with town counsel.

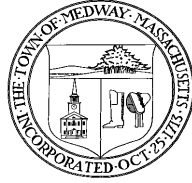
Action Items:

- Follow-up with engineer about Amphitheatre.
- Estimate for stairs

Land Discussion:

The land discussion will be tabled until the next meeting.

Minutes:



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June 29, 2016:

On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from June 29, 2016 with revisions.

August 2, 2016:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Mike Francis, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from August 2, 2016 with revisions.

Other Business:

Member Francis indicated that there is a yellow boom in the river. There was discussion about cutting this up to remove it from the river, but there needs to be a place to dispose the debris. Member Wickis will follow-up with Fred Sibley about the disposal.

October Agenda Items:

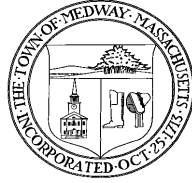
- Sign Samples
- Amphitheater stair estimate
- Criteria Ranking for evaluation potential purchase of property
- Tree Inventory
- Follow-up Town Counsel Right of Way

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved October 4, 2016



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