



**Town Of Medway  
Open Space Committee**  
155 Village Street  
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

**Meeting Minutes on February 7, 2017**

**Medway Senior Center  
76 Oakland Circle**

<b>Attendance</b>	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**CPC Overview:**

The members were provided with and update on the EFRAC parks project. This project will be broken up into phases.

There was a meeting with CPC but no votes were taken. There was discussion on who will be sponsoring the article. Susy Affleck-Childs provided a presentation about the RFP and the \$25,000. There was no discussion about the second phase which would include the land management portion. This was not brought up. There was discussion that if Open Space has a big project it would need to be bonded. The Chairman would like to know what money is available in the reserves. She will follow-up. There was a question about if there is a process which the CPC Committee uses to determine the funding of projects.

**Follow-Up:**

**Trail Signs:**

The Chairman asked member Legee to provide a detailed list of trail signs and kiosks that are needed for the new High School trail and the High School to Choate trail. The list should include the type of sign, the location, the estimated cost and an explanation of the purpose. The information is needed to present at the CPC meeting on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Member Legee agreed to the task and completion date.



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**Adams Street Meadow:**

The Chairman indicated that she spoke with Fred Sibley about the parking lot. This will take two days to complete. The cost is \$2,400.00. Fred Sibley communicated to the Chairman that he has been in contact with Dave Damico.

It was also communicated that the conservation commission agent does not want crusher run around the trail around the meadow. There needs to be clarification on this issue. Member Wickis will discuss this with the Conservation Agent. There was also a suggestion to invite her to our next meeting. The purpose of putting crusher run at this location is for accessibility for those who are limited with mobility. This has always been part of the plan for this area.

**Neelon Lane:**

Member Williams has tried to set up a date to meet with the conservation agent and she has not heard back. The Chairman suggested sending another email with three possible dates.

**Trails Boardwalk:**

There will be a meeting with the conservation commission on Thursday February 9, 2017. The field work is done and the design is still being worked on.

**Land Ranking:**

The task from the last meeting was to use the land ranking criteria on various open space properties. The ranking reviews were discussed. All are in agreement that the numeric ranking makes for easier evaluation tool. There was discussion about using a high, medium or low or possible priority ranking of 1, 2, or 3. The Committee discussed having agricultural land receive ten bonus points so that the total ranking could be 110%. This ranking is a tool which can be used for discussion purposes when looking to purchase land. The Chairman will update the draft land ranking sheet. Member Ross has volunteered to take the information and put it into an Excel spreadsheet.

**Peace Garden:**

The Chairman informed the members that there is a meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at the Medway Library to discuss peace gardens. The families that have lost children have been contacted. The parents will be driving the process.



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**Minutes:**

**January 3, 2017:**

On a motion made by Charlie Ross, and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from January 3, 2017 with the noted revisions.

**January 25, 2017:**

On a motion made by Charlie Ross, and seconded by Denise Legee, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from January 25, 2017 with the noted revision.

**Future Meeting:**

- Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm

**Adjourned:**

On a motion made by Charlie Ross, and seconded by Denise Legee, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Approved March 7, 2017