



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

**Meeting Minutes on December 5, 2017**

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

<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 meeting was opened at 7:10 pm

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**Trails:**

- The formal dedication of boardwalk was well attended.
- The blazing of the trails was done.
- The interim map is updated.
- The committee discussed blazing the existing Choate-to-High School trail. The thinking is that the trail from Choate to the junction with the new 2015 extension should be white, and the extension (to the meadow and North Field lot) should also be white. The original section behind the baseball field, is now a spur and should be a different color. Denise and Joanne will talk with Jim Wieler to get his input. The master map update in the spring will incorporate the color coding for this trail, as well as the woods trails south of the meadow.

**Kiosks/Signs/ Trail Markings:**

- These will be ordered by the next meeting.
- The blue background color was discussed. There is no “official” blue.
- Volunteer groups have indicated that they would like to assist with putting up open space signage.
- There was discussion about signage at the trails about dogs being on leashes.

**OSRP - Task Force Update:**



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The survey results of the OSRP were compiled. There were 305 responses. A copy of this is available for those interested.

Some of the comments from the Committee regarding the open space update included:

- Lack of bathrooms.
- More communication as to where trails are.
- Communication and how to reach the residents of this community and the surrounding towns.
- Encourage and facilitate a walking club for those who do not want to walk alone.
- Recommend that the format of the plan be more workable.
- A land management retreat will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>, more information will be forthcoming.

### **Rail Trail:**

- All are in agreement that development of the rail trail would be beneficial. The Committee would like to see if the Board of Selectmen support this endeavor.
- Member Hamblin indicated that there is some land near the rail trail that would be great for camping.

### **Hunting near Trails:**

- Member Williams indicated that people were posting on Facebook that they are afraid to walk on the trails due to hunting. Member Williams did speak with a representative from the police department and noted there are restrictions on where residents can hunt. The committee discussed the topic at length, including the possibility of making signage and other communication.

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

#### **November 7, 2017:**

**On a motion made by Charlie Ross, and seconded by Mike Francis, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from November 7, 2017.**

### **Other Business which may come in front of Committee:**

#### **Amphitheatre:**

- Member Wickis informed the committee that there is an invasive gray willow that resembles pussy willow at the Amphitheater. All the gray willow that are large enough to reproduce have been removed. There are also some gray willow at Adams Street.



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Bridget is fine with this being taken out. There needs to be a work project in the spring to continue eliminating these.

- The bridge railings on the bridge needs some repair. The outer railing will also need repair.

**Town Meeting:**

- All the articles at town meeting passed.

**2018 Goals:**

- Create priority list of projects both large and small and keep updating list as completed.
- Set up priorities for 2018 along with possible events for the calendar year to get the community involved.
- Follow-up with the boy and girl scouts about possible interest in events

**Agenda Topics for next month:**

- Medway open Space Sign
- Rail Trail
- Hunting near Trail

**Future Meeting Date:**

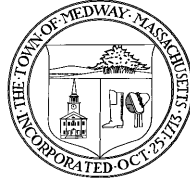
- Tuesday, January 2, 2018

**Adjourn:**

**On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Mike Francis, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary  
Approved January 2, 2018



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