



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

Meeting Minutes on May 2, 2017

**Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

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

Present:

Residents, Kathy and Rod Trzepacz

Trail Marking:

Meadows:

The members were informed that the flagging of the proposed loop trail was done around the Adams Street meadow which included the outer most area. There is still discussion if this will be a mowed trail or crusher run. It was suggested that if the committee wants crusher run, then discussion with the Conservation Commission needs to take place. In the interim, the Chairman will ask Fred Sibley to mow this area. It was suggested to do a clean-up in this area since there are sticks and small stumps which need to be removed.

Side Trails South of Adams Meadow

Member Legee and Williams marked the trail loop in red and will soon mark the alternate route in yellow. The red trail will be used in the upcoming "Rooney's Trail Run" co-sponsored by The Medway Trail Club and Medway Youth Baseball.

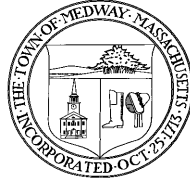
Trail Work Events:

The following are dates for trail clean-up:

- May 7th 9:00 am-11:00 (trail toward Summer Street. (Chairman Wright will coordinate)
- May 13th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (trail near high school) (Member Williams will coordinate)

Clean Sweep:

The Open Space Committee held a successful Clean Sweep day. There were about 30 volunteers. Thank you note from Michael Boynton for clean sweep.



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Peace Garden:

The Chairman indicated that there was a meeting on the peace garden. The goal is to get a designer to integrate this garden into the Choate Park plans. Chairman Wright will be the liaison to this group.

FY 2018 Warrant:

The town meeting warrant is posted for May 8, 2017. The open space has several articles which were recommended for funding through CPC:

- \$25,000.00 for open space master plan
- \$10,000.00 for signs/kiosks
- \$2,400.00 for parking off of Adams Street

Riverview: Neelon Lane

Member Williams walked the Riverview area with the conservation agent and Bridget loved the site. There was discussion about clearing some of the natural vegetation and invasives. The possible parking spots were reviewed. There are two spots near the guardrail where the school bus currently parks. There appears to be some grass clippings which are being dumped in this area.

Residents Kathy and Rod Trzepacz communicated that some of the debris was left from the contractor.

The following action steps were noted:

- Contact Homeowners Association about debris (Member Williams)
- Follow-up with who owns property noted on the plan, ask Susy or BOS (Member Williams)
- Meet with Bridget and Susy about parking and possible water trail in future (Member Williams)

New Trail Status:

Member Ross indicated that the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the boardwalk has been submitted and a DEP file number has been issued. Bids have come back on the boardwalk and two of them are within budget.

There will be three small footbridges on the trail for which the task force is filing a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) with the Conservation Commission. This is progressing.



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Minutes:

April 4, 2017:

On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Bruce Hamblin, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from April 4, 2017.

Meeting Structure:

There was discussion about the meeting structure. Member Williams noted that we should be clear about the short and long term goals and note a key person in charge of the task. It was also suggested to have a list of the short and long term projects.

Brochure:

The open space brochure will be updated next year.

Other Business:

Member Wickis informed the members about the following:

Amphitheater:

Member Wickis indicated that the crabapple trees at the amphitheater are in full bloom. It was suggested that a photo be placed on the website. The Committee will meet on Friday May 5th to pull out the mustard garlic.

Williamsburg Open Space:

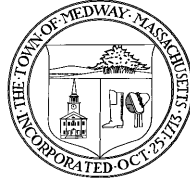
There has been no movement or action on the Williamsburg Open Space.

Adams Meadow:

Member Wickis would like to lead a wildflower walk in May at the Meadows. It was suggested that this event be posted at the Senior Center. A date and time will be determined.

Army Corps of Engineers:

The members were made aware that there was a meeting on April 19, 2017 in Millis to discuss the Army Corps of Engineers land. The focus of the meeting was to make this land more accessible. The Army Corps are soliciting comments about the master plan. The question was asked if the Army Corps would consider forms of easements to ownership for linkage and they are not interested in this.



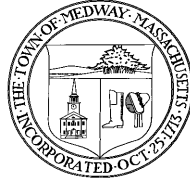
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Adjourn:

On a motion made by Joanne Williams and seconded by Bruce Hamblin, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved June 6, 2017



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